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March.		March.
Leave Bombay 2	Leave Galle	9
„ Carwar 3	„ Negapatam	12
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„ Cannanore 5	„ Coconada	17
„ Calicut 5	„ Vizagapatam	18
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„ Colombo 8	Arrive Calcutta	21

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Up.	Mar.	Apl.	Down.	Mar.	Apl.
Leave Bombay	8	22	Leave Bussorah	26	9
„ Kurrachee	12	27	„ Fao	26	9
„ Guadur	13	27	„ Bushire	28	11
„ Muscat	16	30	„ Linga	30	13
	April	1		April	1
„ Bunder Abbas	18	1	„ Bunder Abbas	1	15
„ Linga	19	2	„ Muscat	3	17
„ Bushire	22	5	„ Guadur	5	19
„ Fao	23	6	„ Kurrachee	7	21
Arrive Bussorah	24	7	Arrive Bombay	10	24

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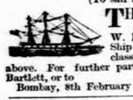

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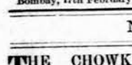

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John Leighton Lafrenaes—Applicant.

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Per dozen	Rs. 21	Rs. 24

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A very fine, full-bodied, Dinner Wine.

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A rich, old, and very fragrant Wine.

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Per dozen	Rs. 33	Rs. 36.

The superior characters of the above Wines are so well known as to render superfluous any further recommendation than that the quality of the

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TREACHER & Co. (Limited),
BOMBAY, BYCULLA and POONA.

WANTED.

WANTED, for the Steam Factory H. M.'s Dockyard, a Brass and Loam Moulder. Application (producing Testimonials) to be made in person at the Office of the Superintendent of Marine.

By order of the Superintendent of Marine,
GEORGE INGLE, Secretary.

Superintendent's Office, Bombay, 8th February 1869.

WANTED, two competent Overseers for employment in this Office. None need apply except those who have had experience in the preparation of Plans and Estimates of Buildings, and can survey and draw neatly.

KAHANDAS MUNCHARAM,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.

Bombay, Executive Engineer's Office, 18th February 1869.

A EUROPEAN GENTLEMAN, in Mercantile employ for upwards of 10 years, and well conversant with Mercantile business, is desirous of obtaining a Situation in Bombay, or up-country, and would be particularly pleased to proceed to China. The best testimonials and references as to character and abilities can be given. Address No. 4, care of "Bombay Gazette."

Bombay, 19th February 1869.

WANTED, on Temporary Establishment, Kurrachee Harbour Works, a good Surveyor, one who has had practice in Marine Surveying preferred.

Salary will be given according to qualifications.

Apply with copies of testimonials, and stating rate of salary expected.

W. H. PRICE, M. Inst. C. E.,
Superintendent, Kurrachee Harbour Works.

Kurrachee Harbour Works Office, 15th February 1869.

HOUSES, &c., TO LET.

TO BE LET, furnished, for six months, from the 10th of April next, Prospect, Cumballa Hill. Apply to F. MATHEW.

TO BE LET, from 1st April next, a spacious Godown in Block No. 2, Elphinstone Circle, facing the Custom House. For particulars apply to

REMINGTON & Co.

OFFICE TO LET.—To let, the Commodious Premises, situated at 25 Church Gate Street, at present occupied by Messrs. Bell, Ventz, and Lucmus. Apply to

WALLACE & Co.

TO be LET, an airy and large sized Bungalow, situated at Girgaum Back Road, No. 153A, next door to Rev. Mr. Weatherhead. For particulars apply to Mr. N. M. Futlon, in next door left hand.

TO LET, the upper or lower part of a house situated in a healthy locality near Byculla; or two Gentlemen can be accommodated with board and lodgings. Terms moderate. Address "90," care of this paper.

Bombay, 23rd February 1869.

TO LET—LOCKSLEY HALL—A spacious and airy Bungalow at Bellasis Road, suitable for a large Family, with commodious Stabling, Godowns, Cook and Out-Houses attached. For Rent apply at the Office of the undersigned, 6, Rampart Row, Fort.

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NOTICES.

NOTICE.—A limited number of Gentlemen can be accommodated with first class private Board and Lodging at Mounton Villas, Chinchpogly, where they will receive the comforts of an English Home (as far as the Country will permit). And to obviate the inconvenience of living at that distance from the Fort, Conveyances will be supplied free of extra charge to take Gentlemen to and from their Offices daily. For terms and other particulars address I. M. C., Mounton Villas, Chinchpogly.

BROACH EXHIBITION (in Liquidation).—Notice is hereby given, that the Articles remaining unsold at the late Exhibition will be disposed of by Public Auction in the Exhibition Building on Saturday, the 27th instant, at 2 P.M. prompt.

All claims against the Exhibition Committee to be sent in to the Secretary on or before the 1st of March 1869.

JAMES GREAVES, Secretary.

Broach, 17th February 1869.

THE BOMBAY and BENGAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY, Limited, (in Liquidation).—Notice is hereby given, that in accordance with the provisions of Section 155 of the Indian Companies Act 1866, a General Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Stearns, Hobart, & Co., Elphinstone Circle, on Monday the 1st March next, at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Liquidators' account of the manner in which the liquidation has been conducted during the past year.

GEO. A. KITTREDGE,
MORARJEE GOCULDASS, } Liquidators.

NOTICE.—The undermentioned Banks will be closed on Thursday, the 25th instant, on account of Holi Holidays:—

For the Oriental Bank Corporation,
J. F. MOIR, Agent.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China,
E. A. ARTHUR, Agent.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China,
JAMES DOUGLAS, Agent.

For the Comptoir D'Escompte de Paris,
E. J. HARDCASTLE, Manager.

For the National Bank of India (Limited),
JAMES WINDRAM, Manager.

For the Delhi and London Bank (Limited),
G. W. BOOKER, Manager.

For the Agra Bank (Limited),
EDWARD MORRISS, Manager.

Bombay, 23rd February 1869.

GOORMOOKRAEE RAMRICKDASS has contracted with unto Parsee Dadabhoy Dhunjeebhoy Parchwalla to sell to him all that piece or parcel of Ground Freehold Land or Government vacant ground, situate at Mahim Road, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 301, and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on the east by the property of Withoba Purboo, on the west by the said Mahim Road, on the north by the ground of Bymanjee Pestonjee Motta, and on the south by the property of Dewjee Roopjee. If any person or persons will have any claim or demand and by way of mortgage upon it, may apply to the Parsee Dadabhoy Dhunjeebhoy, resident at Chumbarbag, within 14 days from this date, to that effect, otherwise he, she, or they shall be precluded therefrom.

Bombay, 23rd Feb. 1869.

NOTICE.—Sealed Tenders are invited for a Building for the Native General Hospital at Bombay, to be delivered on or before noon of 1st March 1869.

A schedule of quantities and specification can be obtained on application at the Office of the Architectural Executive Engineer and Surveyor, where the places can also be seen.

A deposit of 2 per cent will be required on tendering, to be forfeited in the event of evasion or delay in signing the requisite Deeds of Contract, and a further deposit of 8 per cent from the Contract or whose tender may be accepted.

The Architectural Executive Engineer and Surveyor does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender, and no reason will be assigned for the rejection of any or all of the Tenders.

J. A. FULLER, Lieut.-Colonel R.E.,
Architectural Executive Engineer and Surveyor.

Bombay, 18th Feb. 1869.

NOTICE.—With reference to "Notice to Contractors," dated 18th February 1869, calling for tenders for the Native General Hospital, Contractors are informed that the Office of the Architectural Executive Engineer and Surveyor has this day been removed to the New Secretariat, on the Esplanade, opposite the Bandstand.

J. A. FULLER, Lieut. Col., R.E.,
Architectural Executive Engineer and Surveyor.

Bombay, 22nd February 1869.

THE VIEGAS SLIP COMPANY (Ld.)—NOTICE to Shipowners, Commanders, Contractors, Upcountry Dealers, and the Public.—The Company which has to a great extent supplied the want of the Mercantile Community of Bombay for Dock accommodation and the means of repairing Wooden and Iron Vessels, Steamers, and Machinery of all kinds, and which has hitherto received support from the Local Shipping and other Companies, is prepared to undertake on moderate terms all sorts of Ship Work, Caulking, Coppering, making Boats, Masts, Yards, &c.

The Foundry and Workshop Departments being under the management of an experienced European Moulder, orders for all description of Castings, Blacksmith, and Boiler-maker's work are executed with despatch and to the entire satisfaction of Customers.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned on the Slip Yard, Mazagon, or at the Company's Office, No. 6, Bombay Green, opposite to the New Bank of Bombay.

SORABJEE FROMMURZ, Secretary.

Bombay, 5th December, 1868.

TENDERS will be received by the Superintendent of Marine at his Office up to 1 P.M. on Saturday next the 27th instant, for the conveyance of invalids, men in health, women, children, insanes and convicts, the strength of which is noted in the margin, to embark at Bombay and sail to Spithead. The vessel tendering will be bound to touch at St. Helena should she be required to take any men there en route to the Cape Colony.

173	Invalids.
15	Insanes.
18	Men in health.
4	Convicts.
25	Women.
45	Children.

2. The tenders to be made on the terms and conditions of the last revised articles of agreement, and on the understanding that the vessel tendering will be required to provide standing berths for 74 of the invalids, and that Cotton will not be permitted to be carried.

3. The vessel tendered to be ready for final survey on the 8th proximo.

4. The insanes will be placed under the charge of the Master of the Transport, who will receive (on his satisfying the Home authorities that he has bestowed due care and attention on the insanes entrusted to him)

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—FEBRUARY 24.

Alexander, Lieutenant Colonel, 1st Bengal Cavalry, on leave, from Gwalior.
Cherry, Captain, 4th Madras Cavalry, on leave, from Secunderabad.
Chowne, Captain, 6th Punjaub Infantry, on leave, from Dhera Ghazee Khan.
Clarke, Assistant Surgeon, 38th Regiment, on leave, to Europe, from Sealkote.
Buchanan, Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Madras Cavalry, on leave, to Europe, from Secunderabad.
Clarke, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, on leave, to Europe, from Aden.

DEPARTURES.—FEBRUARY 24.

Lang-don, Lieutenant Colonel, Bombay Infantry, on duty, to Baroda.
Bovey, Captain, 2nd Light Cavalry, on duty, to Neemuch.
Waddington, Lieutenant Colonel, 23rd Native Light Infantry, on duty, to Poona.
Topp, Captain, Royal Artillery, to join, to Deolalee.
Buchanan, Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Madras Cavalry, on medical certificate, to Europe, (on the 27th.)

The following Officers will leave to-day for Europe:—
Shaldham, Lieutenant Colonel, late 108th Regiment, on retirement.
Travers, Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Adjutant General, on furlough.
Hay, Lieutenant, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Tanna, on medical certificate.
Waudby, Lieutenant, 19th Regiment N. I., on medical certificate.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

(*Gazette of India, Feb.* 20.)

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The Governor General in Council is pleased to appoint Surgeon John Jones, M.D., to the joint medical charge of Simla, vice Dr. Duka.

Mr. D. G. Barkley, of the Bengal Civil Service, has been granted furlough for nine months from the date on which he embarked for Europe.

Mr. W. Abbey, Civil Surgeon of Mergui, obtained preparatory leave for one month, from the 17th December 1868, to enable him to proceed to Calcutta to appear before a Medical Board with a view to obtaining leave to Europe on medical certificate.

Mr. C. S. Hogg, Administrator General of Bengal, has been granted by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India an extension of six months' leave on medical certificate.

The Viceroy and Governor General in Council is pleased to confer on the Resident at Hyderabad the powers of a Local Government, as described in Section 54 of Act XXV of 1861.

Mr. A. Dryedale, Assistant Conservator of Forests in Berar, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the 2nd Class, described in Chapter II, Section 22, of Act XXV of 1861, to be exercised within the limits of his Forest Division.

Under instructions from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal has, with the approval of the Government of India, appointed the undermentioned gentlemen to be Commissioners in England for the purpose of taking, under the law in force in British India, the acknowledgement of married women of deeds to be executed by them in respect of property situate in the territories in the possession of and under the government of the Government of India :—

Mr. John Nesbitt Malleson, of Austin Friars.
Mr. Alfred Atkinson Pollock, of Lincoln's-infields.
Mr. Edward Frederick Burton, of the firm of Chilton, Burton, Yeates, and Hart, of Chancery Lane.
Mr. Charles Wilkin, of No. 10, Token House Yard, London.
Mr. Joseph Spencer Judge, of 44, Parliament Street, Westminster.

Under Section 12 of Act II. of 1857, the Governor General in Council is pleased to authorize the affiliation in Arts of the "Bishop Cotton's School" at Mussoorie to the Calcutta University, with effect from the 1st of January 1869.

Under Section 12 of Act II. of 1857, the Governor General in Council is pleased to authorize the affiliation in Arts and Law of the Chittagong School to the Calcutta University, with effect from the 1st of January 1869.

The Reverend James Aitken is appointed temporarily to be an Inspector of Schools in Berar.

Mr. J. Platts, Officiating Inspector of Schools in the Central Provinces, Northern Circle, is confirmed in his appointment, with effect from the 12th October 1868.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

The Viceroy and Governor General in Council is pleased to declare that all criminal cases committed from the Court of the Cantonment Magistrate at Secunderabad, and from the Court of the Superintendent of the Hyderabad Residency Bazaars shall in future be tried and determined by the 1st Assistant Resident at Hyderabad, who will, in respect of such commitments exercise the powers of a Sessions Judge. His Excellency in Council is further pleased to declare that all appeals from the decisions of the 1st Assistant Resident in such cases shall be heard and determined by the Resident at Hyderabad.

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council is pleased to apply the provisions of Act X. of 1865 (The Indian Succession Act) to the Hyderabad Assigned Districts. By virtue of the authority vested in him by Section 332 of the aforesaid Act, His Excellency in Council is pleased to exempt from the operation of the Act Native Christians of every denomination whatsoever residing in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts.

Major C. James, Commanding 2nd Regiment Central India Horse, is granted privilege leave of absence for 20 days from the 20th instant.

The privilege leave granted to Lieutenant J. Colledge, of the 2nd Regiment Central India Horse, in Notification No. 12, dated 29th ultimo, will have effect from such date after the 10th instant as he may avail himself of it.

Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Willoughby Osborne, C.B., Political Agent in Bhopal, availed himself, on the 2nd instant, of the privilege leave granted him in Notification No. 75, dated 12th ultimo, having previously made over charge of his office to Lieutenant Colonel R. Ouseley, Officiating Commandant of the Bhopal Battalion.

Lieutenant E. Gibson, of the 1st Regiment Central India Horse, and who was employed as Boundary Settlement Officer in Bundelcund, is granted preparatory leave of absence for 20 days for the purpose of appearing before a Medical Board at Calcutta.

Captain W. Kincaid, Assistant Political Agent in Bundelcund and Cantonment Magistrate of Nowgong, to officiate as 2nd in Command of the Malwa Bheel Corps and Deputy Bheel Agent and Political Assistant, vice Captain Cadell.

Captain E. Temple, Boundary Settlement Officer in Bhopal, to officiate as Political Assistant in Bundelcund and Cantonment Magistrate of Nowgong, vice Captain W. Kincaid.

The preparatory leave of absence for one month granted to Major W. H. Beynon, Political Agent at Jeypore, in Notification No. 24, dated 7th ultimo, is hereby cancelled at his own request.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The services of Mr. C. J. Brown, Collector of Customs at Akyab, are placed at the disposal of the Government of Bengal.

The Governor General in Council is pleased to suspend, until the 1st January 1869, the operation, in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, of that portion of Financial Notification No. 2778, dated the 29th April, 1865, which prescribed the use of bi-color stamp paper, consisting of blue and black colors, for documents enumerated in Schedule A of Act X. of 1862, other than those for which adhesive stamps have been prescribed, and to authorize the employment up to that date for the documents under Schedule A above referred to of the bi-color stamp red and black, which in the Notification of April last was intended solely for the documents enumerated in Schedule E of Act XXVI, of 1867.

[A similar order is issued relative to the province of Oudh.]

Surgeon Major J. F. Shekleton, A. B., M. B., Assay Master of the Calcutta Mint, on furlough, was left by the pilot at sea on the 3rd instant.

Mr. B. L. Forbes received charge of the Office of Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner of Paper Currency, Lahore Circle, from Mr. C. R. Hawkins on the afternoon of the 1st instant.

Mr. W Clerk received charge of the Office of Deputy Accountant General, Bengal, from Mr. J. E. Cooke, on the afternoon of the 17th instant.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The services of Assistant Surgeon H. C. Cutcliffe are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of Bengal.

ADDENDUM—To Clause V. of Government General Order No. 1064, dated 10th November 1868, publishing the new Military Furlough Rules, after the words "But an Officer on Civil employ and drawing consolidated salary will be allowed 50 per cent. of the average salary drawn by him for three years prior to his proceeding on furlough," add the words "In the case of an Officer who may be granted furlough on medical certificate before he has completed three years' actual service in India, the average will be taken of the salary drawn during the period of his actual service. In every case the time spent and the allowances drawn during any leave under Chapter II. will be omitted in the calculation of average salary." Order books to be corrected accordingly.

In order to prevent any misapprehension as to the intention of the Government of India and the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State, as expressed in Government General Order No. 897, dated 25th October 1866, in the Gazette of India, the object in view in permitting an Adjutant of a Native Regiment to retain that appointment after his promotion to the rank of Captain, if especially recommended, was to secure to the Corps the continued benefit of his experience and knowledge of the men, the appointment must be vacated by an Officer so situated if he proceeds on furlough, whether in or out of India.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to promote Ressaldar Mirjor Punjab Singh "Bahadoor," of the 2nd Regiment Central India Horse, from the 2nd to the 1st Class of the Order of British India, with the title of "Sirdar Bahadoor," to fill an existing vacancy.

Under instructions from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, it is notified that the advances of money to Officers for building purposes, granted under Government General Order No. 985 of 1867, will in future be issued in each case by instalments, instead of in one sum, as at present; one third of the amount will be granted when the advance is sanctioned, one third when it has been certified by the Executive Engineer or Commanding Officer of the Station that the house is half finished, and the remaining third when it has been completed. Officers who have received advances, and who may proceed on furlough, will, if the house has been finished or half finished, be liable, while absent from India, to only half the periodical deductions from their pay which are required from them while present in this country.

The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the following appointment :—1st Punjab Volunteer Rifle Corps and Punjab Light Horse (Volunteers)—Lieutenant Colonel H. W. H. Coxe to be Commandant, in succession to the late Mr. A. A. Roberts, C.B., C.S.I.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Douglas Newmarch, of the Royal Engineers, Superintending Engineer, Department of Public Works, is permitted to proceed to Europe on leave of absence on sick certificate, for 20 months, under the Regulations of 1854.

The following order issued by the Resident at Hyderabad is confirmed :—

Dated 1st February 1869.—Confirming, as a provisional measure, the Regimental Order issued to the 3rd Infantry Hyderabad Contingent, dated the 19th January 1869, directing Major J. P. Peeler, 2nd in Command, to officiate as Commandant, and Lieutenant M. P. Moriarty, Adjutant, to officiate in addition as 2nd in Command, consequent on the departure to Bombay, on medical certificate, of Lieutenant Colonel Prescott.

With reference to paragraph 7 of the Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, published in Government General Order No. 897, dated 25th October 1866, and to Standing Order by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, No. 259 of 1869, Captain G. Stewart of the Bengal Staff Corps, who was promoted to the rank of Captain from the 29th September last, is permitted to retain his appointment of Adjutant of the 1st Cavalry, Punjab Frontier Force.

Lieutenant H. Rowband, of the late 63rd Native Infantry, who was appointed, on probation, as Sub-Assistant Commissary General, 3rd Class, by Government General Order No. 972 of the 11th October 1867, having passed the prescribed departmental tests, is permanently attached to the Army Commissariat Department.

Captain James Colquhoun, of the Madras Staff Corps, attached to the 30th Regiment of Madras Native Infantry, is allowed furlough to Europe (medical certificate), for two years, under the Regulations of 1868.

2nd Captain Colin Campbell Scott Moncrieff, of the Royal Engineers, was permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs, for two years, under the Regulations of 1854, with effect from the 20th March 1867, the date of his departure from Bombay per *Koina*.

The services of 2nd Captain C. C. S. Moncrieff, of the Royal Engineers, are placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department, with effect from the date on which he entered on the duties of the department.

Ensign James Graves Kelly, of the 94th Foot, 2nd Wing Subaltern, 18th (The Alipore) Regiment of Native Infantry, is admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps, with effect from the date specified opposite to his name, subject to the confirmation of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India. 30th August 1867.

Ensign J. G. Kelly, of the 94th Foot, 2nd Wing Subaltern, 18th (The Alipore) Regiment of Native Infantry, admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps in Government General Order No. 200 of this date, will rank as Lieutenant in that Corps under the operation of paragraph 34 of Government General Order No. 332 of 1861, with effect from the 30th August 1867, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to make the following appointment :—

Captain A. R. Loughnan, Staff, Corps Officiating Brigade Major, to be a Brigade Major on the Establishment, in succession to Major H. S. Cochrane, V. C., whose term of service on the Brigade Staff will expire on the 1st proximo.

The following (brevet) promotions are made from the dates specified under the operation of Government General Order No. 632 of the 4th August 1854, paragraph 69, subject to Her Majesty's approval :—

To be Colonels.

Lieutenant Colonel William Wilkinson Taylor, Bombay Infantry, 13th Feb. 1869.

Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Turner Wroughton, C. B., Bengal Infantry, 18th Feb. 1869.

The undermentioned Officers of the Bengal Staff Corps having completed 26 years' service, are promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from the date specified, under the provisions of Government General Order No. 808 of the 26th September 1866, subject to Her Majesty's approval :—

Major William Henry Shadwell Earle and Major William Briggs. 17th Feb 1869.

Assistant Surgeon W. C. Smith, M. D., of the Medical Department, who was granted furlough to Europe on Private affairs for two years under Regulations of 1868, by Government General Order No 115, dated 29th January 1869, will embark at Bombay.

Surgeon T. P. Wright, of the Medical Department Civil, Bhaugulpore, who was granted furlough to Europe on private affairs for two years under the Regulations of 1868, by Government General Order No. 150, dated 5th February 1869, will embark at Calcutta instead of at Bombay, as previously notified.

Lieutenant George Edmonds (Unattached), is allowed furlough to Europe (medical certificate) for two years, under the Regulations of 1868.

The undermentioned Officers are allowed furlough to Europe (medical certificate) :—

Major John James Eckford, of the Bengal Staff Corps, District Superintendent of Police, North-Western Provinces, for two years, under the Regulations of 1868.

Captain William Raffles Tucker, of the Royal Engineers, Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, Department Public Works Presidency Division, for twenty months, under the Regulations of 1863.

The undermentioned Officers are permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs :—

Captain Willoughby Charles Stanley Clarke, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Deputy Commissioner, Seebsaugor, Lieutenant Colonel (Brevet Colonel) Henry Hopkinson, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Agent to the Governor General and Commissioner of Assam, and Lieutenant Colonel William Stirling Oliphant, of the Royal Engineers, Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, British Burmah, for two years under the Regulations of 1868.

Lieutenant Alexander Dunlop Anderson, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Adjutant 23rd (Punjab) Regiment of Native Infantry (Pioneers), and Major Edmund Fisher Litchfield, of the late 42nd Regiment of Native Infantry, for two years, under the Regulations of 1868, embarking at Bombay.

The undermentioned Regiments having arrived at Bombay in Her Majesty's Indian Troop Ship *Euphrates* are brought on the establishment of the Bengal Presidency from dates of landing :—

Her Majesty's 1st Battalion 14th Foot.
Her Majesty's 62nd Foot.

The following General Order issued by the Government of Bombay is republished for general information :—

"No. 65, dated 27th January 1869.—All Officers having claims chargeable to the Abyssinian Expedition are directed to prefer them before the 28th February next."

With reference to the above order it is hereby notified that all Officers or others in the Bengal Presidency having claims chargeable to the Expedition, should prefer them before the 31st March 1869.

His Excellency the Governor General of India has been pleased to make the following appointments with effect from the 30th January 1869 :—

Governor General's Body Guard.

Captain H. P. Peacock, 2nd in Command, to officiate as Commandant during the absence on furlough to Europe of Major Delane, or until further orders.

Lieutenant W. A. Lawrence, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Adjutant, to officiate as 2nd in Command, vice Captain Peacock.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

The leave of absence on medical certificate to come to England, with the usual preparatory leave, granted the 10th instant, granted by the Chief Commissioner, British Burmah to Captain H. Lewis, Master Attendant, Rangoon and Superintendent of Light-houses, British Burmah, in Notification No. 1, dated 3rd February 1869, is confirmed.

The following officiating appointments made by the Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, with effect from the 10th February 1869, consequent on the departure of Captain H. Lewis on sick leave to England, are confirmed :—

Captain John Mack, to be Officiating Master Attendant, Rangoon, and Officiating Superintendent of Light-houses, British Burmah.

Captain A. Bowers, R. N. R., to be Officiating Deputy Master Attendant. Rangoon.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. A. Izat, Executive Engineer, 4th Grade, Hyderabad, is allowed one month's leave of absence on medical certificate, with effect from the 16th January 1869.

Captain W. R. Johnson, Madras Staff Corps, Executive Engineer, 1st Grade Mysore, who was appointed to officiate as a Superintending Engineer, 2nd Class, 2nd Grade, for Irrigation Works in Mysore will also officiate as Under Secretary to the Commissioner in the Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

Mr. J. Hopkins, Assistant Accountant General of the Public Works Department, is promoted from the rank of 2nd Grade to that of 1st Grade Controller of the 3rd Class, with effect from 1st January 1869.

Lieutenant Colonel J. Dawson, Staff Corps, Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, is transferred from Bengal to Oudh.

Lieutenant C. S. Beauchamp, R. E., has been transferred from Bombay to the North-Western Provinces, for employment, as Assistant Principal of the Thomason Civil Engineering College.

Mr. N. Daly, Assistant Conservator of Forests, 3rd Class, British Burmah, is promoted to the grade of Assistant Conservator, 2nd Class, with effect from 1st January 1869.

The services of Mr. G. W. Strettell, Assistant Forest Ranger in Sind, having been placed by the Government of Bombay at the disposal of the Government of India, he is appointed to officiate as Deputy Conservator of Forests, Berar.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Head Quarters, Calcutta, 11th February 1869.

Local rank is assigned to the undermentioned Officer :—Royal (Bengal) Engineers.—Lieutenant H. F. Blair to be Captain, from the 13th June 1868.

The Commander-in-Chief in India is pleased to make the following appointments :—

Captain F. R. Macnamara, 93rd Highlanders, to officiate as Military Storekeeper, Fort William, during the absence on furlough of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Walton, Staff Corps. Dated 4th February 1869.

Nynee Tal Convalescent Depot.—Lieutenant the Honorable C. Datton, 85th Foot, to Station Staff Officer, vice Captain Macnamara, whose tour has expired. Dated 3rd February 1869.

Lieutenant Colonel M. Thomson, late 53rd Native Infantry, is posted to Bareilly for general duty.

The appointment of Captain W. Howey to officiate as Second Squadron Officer of the 19th Bengal Cavalry, published in General Orders of the 28th December last, is cancelled.

Intimation has been received that the 59th Foot will proceed to Bombay from Ceylon in March next, instead of 39th Foot from England.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—24TH FEBRUARY.

London..	Cotton	£2 5s. 0d. to £2 7 6d. per ton.	
	Seeds	£1 10s. 0d. Nominal.	"
Liverpool	Cotton	£1 15s. 0d. to £2 2s. 6d.	"
	Seeds	£1 5s. 0d.	"
Overland	Cotton	£8 0s. 0d. p. 40 c. ft.	
China	Sailing vessel Cotton	Nominal.	
	Steamer do.	Rs. 6 to 7 per bale.	
	" Opium	Rs. 10 to 15 per chest	
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 6 per ton.	
Mauritius	Gram	12 annas per bag.	

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
24	Persian Packet Mahi	Scheel Nacoda	Bunder Abbass, Feb. 15. Cochin, Jan. 30.

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
24	Lady Cecilia	Elliot	Rangoon.
	Moorhill	Sterling	Havre.
	Kennington	Rattray	Havre.
	Saint Andrew	Lennox	Akyab.

The ship Anazi, Hillman, to Falmouth via Havre, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The steamer Rangoon, to China, began to load yesterday.

REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.

JASK, 24th 12-40 P.M.—Steamer "Amberwitch" just left for Angaum.

FAO, 24th, 2-10 P.M.—Mail steamer "Comorin," from Busreh, in sight.

Trincomallee, 24th, 9-30 A.M.—H. M. ship "Forte," from Simon's Bay, anchored yesterday.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORT.

MALLIGAUN, 24th, 7 A.M.—Imperfect communication Khull.
BELLARY, 24th, 11 A.M.—Imperfect communication Bangalore since 12 A.M.
KURRACHEE, 24th, 12-10 P.M.—Cable right to Fao; Turkish line right to Constantinople; Persian line interrupted to Tabreez. Latest dates from Great Britain, via Turkey, 22nd February, via Russia 18th February.

INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAMS.

The following are the dates of private telegrams received at the Bombay Telegraph Office during the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday evening :

From United Kingdom, via Turkey, 22nd February.
The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 23rd to 8 P.M. of the 24th February are as follows :—

To Bombay	Max.	Min.
From Kurrachee	3 32	0 3
" Calcutta	28 14	1 54
" Madras	82 14	0 50

Communication between Bombay and Kurrachee perfect.

List of undelivered messages in the Bombay office on the 24th February 1869 :—

For Ruttonsey Hensraj at Goosall Kasegma Dyagur.—From Jaypoor, from Balchund.

For Peter Anderson, Byculla Club—From Calcutta, from W. P. Duff

NOTICE.—A Quarterly General Meeting of the Members of the Bombay Civil Fund will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, the 26th February 1869, at 4-30 P.M.

By order of the Trustees,
W. WEDDERBURN,
Secretary Civil Fund.

Bombay, Civil Fund Office, 5th February 1869.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTHS.

CAMPBELL.—February 22nd, at Ewart Lodge, Matheran, the wife of J. Campbell, Esq., of twins (son and daughter,) born prematurely.

MARRIAGE.

MANSON—JOHNSTONE.—February 24th, at Saint Andrew's Church, Bombay, by the Rev. D. Macpherson, M.A., George Manson, Esq., to Mary Ann, only daughter of Alexander Johnstone, Esq.

DEATH.

CAMPBELL.—February 22nd, at Ewart Lodge, Matheran, the infant daughter of J. Campbell, Esq.

The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1869.

THE "Bombay Courts Bill" was on the fifth of this month "referred to a Select Committee with instructions to make their report thereon in a month." The Committee consists of gentlemen who, except the promoter of the Bill, the honourable member for Bombay, are unconnected with this Presidency, and cannot be supposed to be specially informed on the subject of its Courts and its judicial needs. Mr. Shaw Stewart himself is a purely revenue officer. He once held the office of Judicial Secretary for a short time; but his best friends cannot say that he earned any laurels in that appointment. His speech in introducing the new Bill shows that he is but very ill-acquainted with the laws which he has undertaken to consolidate and reform. It is practically impossible that instruction from without should reach the Committee on the provisions of a Bill which will not be generally known in the presidency by publication in the *Government Gazette* until late in the present month. When the report of the Committee is presented it will be discussed by a set of gentlemen incapable to a man of offering any of the criticism founded on special and local knowledge which such a measure peculiarly requires. Legislation thus conducted is little better than a comedy. It is worse, for by cloaking what are really mere commands of the executive in the semblance of deliberate public legislation, it perverts the true function of the Council, and divests itself unfairly of the responsibility that ought to attach to it for imposing the new law on the community. No rational man can doubt that the Bill, as Mr. Maine said, was one that ought, if possible, to have been dealt with by the local Council; but if that was not possible time and opportunity at least ought to have been allowed for a full consideration of the Bill by the public, and for the expression of those opinions which the Legislative Council is supposed to invite.

The Bill commences with a blundering definition of the proposed territorial extent of the Act. It "extends only to the territories under the government of the Governor of Bombay in Council in which the Code of Civil Procedure is for the time being in force." Suppose, then, the Code, as is almost certain, be in a year or two repealed or suspended, down with it goes the constitution of all the civil Courts. It is a violation of the most elementary principles of legislation to make the foundation of the Courts rest upon a Code of Procedure, which in its nature is liable to frequent change to meet varying circumstances which only once in half a century or so really necessitate any radical alteration in the constitution of the tribunals. Taking the section from another point of view, it prevents the introduction of the Code of Procedure into any Non-Regulation District, without bringing it under the High Court, and to all practical intents and purposes under the Regulations generally. This may have been intended of course; but there is nothing to indicate that the point was ever considered. The Code of Civil Procedure is in force in Sind. Is it intended that the proceedings of the Courts in that province shall be regulated "by such rules as the *High Court* may from time to time prescribe," or that the Act shall operate there at all? And if not, why should a definition have been chosen which will involve doubt and confusion, unless corrected by elaborate exceptions? Section 2 provides that certain scheduled Acts and Regulations shall be repealed "provided that the constitution of the districts at present established shall not be affected by such repeal." Now none of these laws recognizes any such territorial division as a "district." What they refer to are "Zillas," and that the words "Districts" and "District Court" can be used at all arises only from an express provision of the Code, which does not in itself constitute or affect to constitute either Court or local jurisdiction. It is not possible, therefore, that the proposed repeals should affect the "Constitution of the Districts" in this Presidency. The Acts and Regulations specified do not constitute districts, that which in a sense does constitute then is not proposed for repeal. What was wanted was a negotiation of the legal division a "Zilla," a definition of the proposed "District," and a statement of the relation of the former to the latter. By a similar confusion of thought section 5 says first, that certain officers should be called "District Judges," and then goes on to enact that "the present District Judges" shall be the first District Judges under this Act. Who are the present District Judges? No such officers, we venture to say, are known to the Bombay Code. What it recognizes are "Zilla Judges," and though these gentlemen presiding over what and according to the Procedure Code "District Courts" may popularly be called "District Judges," it is a piece of slovenliness and something more to apply this term to them in a legislative enactment.

These remarks may be sufficient for the patience of our readers on the mere drafting of the Bill; many other sections of which, however, betray a rawness and want of scientific conception which may lead hereafter to great practical inconvenience. Let us now glance at the substance of the new provisions which, however, do not include some of the things which Mr. Shaw Stewart in his innocence described as novel and desirable reforms. The Assistant Judge may have original suits referred to him for trial when the amount does not exceed Rs. 10,000. But all suits up to this amount must, by another section, be instituted in the Court of a subordinate Judge. They can reach the Assistant Judge only by the "District" Judge first withdrawing and then referring them. The consequence will be that few or no original suits will be heard by Assistant Judges. Now, if there is any one reform of the present system more necessary than another, it is one which will ensure to the Assistant Judges a proper training in the trial of original suits. At present they are made mere hacks to relieve the Zilla Judge of his Appellate work. It may even happen—and we believe has happened—that a Judge desirous of making a good score of decided cases will reserve all the easy appeals for himself and hand over the tedious and difficult ones to a young and inexperienced Assistant. The latter can no more deal with such work satisfactorily than he could perform an amputation without having learned anatomy, and the result is a series of reversals in the High Court, such as to make the administration of justice almost a laughing-stock. These evils the proposed Act will perpetuate, while it will further saddle the Assistant Judges with a quantity of work in taking evidence for the Judge in miscellaneous cases (which they themselves are not to be allowed to decide) of the more irksome and odious kind. What is wanted is to make Assistant Judges more mobile,—to give them practice in the elementary part of their work to enable them to relieve the Judge of a great deal of the administration, and to ensure that Appellate powers shall be granted only to those who are really fit to use them.

The Subordinate Judges are to be of two classes and certain qualifications, for the offices are laid down which amongst others practically exclude all members of the Civil Service. This we think very inexpedient. It may sometimes be highly desirable that a Civilian should be Judge of a Subordinate Court for a longer or shorter period. The experience would be most valuable to him, the tone of feelings amongst the practitioners would probably be improved, and he would not stay so long as to be any serious obstruction to the advancement of other competent persons. On the other hand, we do not think that the mere possession of the degree of LL.B. should be held a sufficient qualification. The judicial office requires much more than the mere juvenile smartness by which a degree may be gained, and the LL. B. should be required first to have shown his character and capacity in the sphere of practical life before he can vault at a bound to the Bench.

The old limits of jurisdiction for the lower Subordinate Judges are retained on the Bill. This we think a decided mistake. We would even have prefered to see the jurisdiction of the first class Judges reduced to the same limits as in Bengal. The Bar of these Subordinate Courts is so wretched that no case ought to be of necessity initiated in them which would bear the costs of trial elsewhere, and the improved communications of the present day make it much easier than it was thirty or forty years ago to attend a Court at the Sudder Station. If by this alteration the District Judge should have to try a certain number of original suits, both he and the public would gain by it, and the High Court could doubtless find time in Bombay as in Calcutta to try more Regular Appeals than eight or ten in a year. The apparent convenience of a Court comparatively close at hand vanishes when one considers that a suit ably conducted is managed in the first insance at a much less expense than one in slovenly incapable hands, and that in such cases appeal and special appeal follow almost as a matter of course.

By section 27 the Subordinate Judges may, at the will of the Government, be invested with the powers of Judges of Small Cause Courts. Such a change will be needless and mischievous. The Small Cause Court system has already received all the requisite development in this Presidency, and the advantages to be gained from converting an ordinary Subordinate Court into one of final jurisdiction are perfectly illusory, while the disadvantages and dangers are sufficiently obvious. There is no subject on which more delusive notions are abroad than that of Small Cause Courts, and it is to be feared that the Government has been caught by the prevalent infection. This in itself is a reason why the legislature should withhold a power which would probably be used as it has been asked for, rather hastily.

Last, but not least, the power and responsibility of the High Court instead of being increased are diminished by the proposed Act. Supposing the Bench is incumbered with a thoroughly incompetent Subordinate Judge, the High Court can still do nothing unless he has been guilty of misconduct such as to justify the issue of a Commission of Enquiry under Act 37 of 1850. There are a thousand forms of incapacity which a remedy of this kind would not touch. As to District Judges and their Assistants the High Court is allowed no voice at all. All this is exactly the reverse of a reform. The High Court is at present, amongst all the servants of Government, the most unpopular institution in the Presidency. Like the French noblesse before the Revolution it has the privilege of harrassing those placed under it with galling annoyances without real power or any balancing faculty of conferring rewards and benefits. Give it free action and a large field, placing no temptation to jobbery in its way, but making room for its peculiar information and its great interest in a sound and effective administration of justice. Thus, and thus only, can that vigour and progress be ensured, for which the public will look in vain to the present pitiful morsel of hand to mouth reform.

THE *Friend of India*, in an article headed "The Bank of Bengal and its Detractors," notices some remarks recently made by us regarding that institution. We are not sure whether we are included amongst the "Detractors," but we will not stay to push the enquiry. The article commences with an allusion to the revelations regarding the management of the Old Bank of Bombay made by the Commission. We seek not to draw a veil over those revelations, rather we desire they should remain as a warning to future generations on this side of India, as well as on the other. In sackclothed penitence we can only sit, and smitten on one cheek offer the other to the smiter's hand. But we think in a question which has little to do with the past, the *Friend* need not recklessly have stirred up that matter. We feel conscious that in times gone by this paper endeavoured to do its duty, and its aim is still the same. We are sorry that the *Friend* persists in repeating that "deceptive presentation of facts" of which we complained. It says "the Bank realized a net profit of Rs. 9,28,106-15-10 out of which a sum of Rs. 8,80,000 was set aside for the dividend;" adding in another paragraph that this sum required for a dividend at 8 per cent. was completed "by taking merely the sum of Rs. 15,155-8-11 from the reserve." We ask the *Friend*, what is the meaning of the words "net profit?" We feel it is necessary to display an "affectionate solicitude" about the Bank and its Branches, when one, whose ethics have been of the strictest order, seeks to subordinate facts to his own line of argument. But our remarks had reference more to the policy pursued by the Bank of Bengal on this side of India, and the *Friend* avoids answering any of them. It asks whether the Bank of Bengal cannot conduct its Branches in the compact territory of British India, when Exchange Banks with Head Offices in London and Branches scattered over the far East are efficiently controlled by the London Office. We always understood that the Head Offices of Exchange Banks had been removed from India to London, because from the nature of Indian society and from the effects of climate it was hopeless to attempt to obtain in this country that steady supervision of the conduct of agents, which is absolutely necessary to secure not only efficient but safe management. And what Exchange Bank has *nineteen* Branches? In considering this question we wish, as has been already stated, to put entirely on one side the Old Bank of Bombay. But the *Friend* alludes to its Branches, and the manner in which they were opened and worked. When the Old Bank of Bombay commenced its extensions, that period of mania, induced by excessive gains, had commenced in Bombay, but as a rule the Bank of Bombay's Branches were established in well selected places, and agents appointed to their charge were generally chosen at home from that country recoguised as the best nursery for Bankers,—Scotland. In fact they were selected on much the same principles as those which regulated the choice of the Bank of Bengal directors, though perhaps the Old Bank of Bombay hardly went far enough north. However as a rule the managers of the Branches of the Old Bank of Bombay did their duty honestly enough,—for one swallow does not make a summer,—and the Bank of Bengal has not hesitated to reinforce its staff from their number. What argument can surpass that fact in cogency?

To the question more immediately affecting ourselves the *Friend* devotes small space, and that space is simply occupied in repeating the statement of the Directors that the Agency of the Bank of Bengal is of too much importance to be abandoned, and in saying that, all it asks is "to be let alone." We feel it is our duty not to let it alone. We are told not to do evil even that good may follow, and surely the *Friend* will not advance expediency as its code. If the Supreme Government sanctioned the opening of the Local Agency of the Bank of Bengal for the purpose of collecting its outstandings, and we are informed that such is the case, then we say, the Agency having served the purpose for which Government sanctioned its being opened, close it; and if the Directors have irresistible proof in favour of its being re-opened, let it be submitted to Government, let the question be publicly discussed, and we cannot doubt the results. The Bank of Bengal first asked the sanction of Government to open an Agency for the purpose of securing the business of the Old Bank of Bombay, and it baited its hook with an offer of its services to conduct the Government business. The worm was awkwardly put on, personal aid we fear pushed it too far on, the steel point was visible, and even Sir John Lawrence refused to bite. A fly more artfully prepared was thrown and swallowed, the dressing being the "collection of outstandings," and yet the *Friend* tells us "that Agency is no temporary institution." If there be such a thing as public morality, we say it is outraged by the allegation. The Bank of Bengal has no business here. Its business with this presidency ought not to be, and cannot legitimately be, of such paramount importance as to necessitate the appointment of an agent "holding immediate control and supervision over the large operations between its Branches in the North-West and the Western Presidency city." We opine that the London Head Office of an Exchange Bank would be slow to delegate such powers to any agent. The *Friend* goes still further, and declares that the "Bengal Agency has in no way interfered with the New Bank of Bombay." The primary object with which the Agency was opened is clearly shown in Mr. Dickson's first application to Government. Circumstances necessitated a change of the grounds then submitted, but the fact that the Bengal Agency having collected all outstandings is still an institution, goes far to show that the reasons originally advanced for its necessity still weigh with the Board. But the Agency does interfere with the New Bank of Bombay, its mere continuance here is an interference, and it is seeking to interfere actually with the best business of the New Bank, to utilize treasuries in immediate proximity to its best Branches. We cannot believe that the Government of India will listen to its proposals, but they have been made.

The New Bank of Bombay is heavily weighted with bye-laws from which the Bank of Bengal is free. They are a source of inconvenience to the public, and in many respects unnecessary, because the safety line is generally far within the margin of 10 per cent. now required on loans secured by Bullion and Government Securities. The Bank's Charter will probably remedy this, and other defects; but no charter, no Government audit will or can prevent the results which must ensue from the unrestrained competition for business between two Government Banks in the same field,—results which must be all the more disastrous if competition be invited, as the *Friend* alleges, by the mercantile community. We take leave to doubt the strict accuracy of the information on which the statement is based, but even were it true, we do not the less strongly protest against the continuance here of the Agency of the Bank of Bengal, and we feel assured that the *Friend's* advocacy will fail in its intended effect. Bengal, or as the Hon'ble Mr. Skinner described the scene of operations "from Maulmein to Lahore," is the proper sphere for the pursuit of its vocation by the Bank of Bengal, and surely it is large enough even in the interests of Government and of the commerce of India. We do not want, and we will not have a Bank of Bengal for all India, or for Bombay.

A TELEGRAM that appears in another column seems to foreshadow more dissensions in Afghanistan. Nothing could have been more complete, in appearance, than the late victory of Shere Ali Khan; and the prayer of Mahomed Azim Khan and Abdool Rahman Khan for British protection was naturally considered an admission of hopeless defeat. At the

and mercantile classes in the Presidency towns, and the wretchedly ignorant semi-barbarian country populations, is one which must necessarily make the work of legislation harder. The work of legislation in two countries such as England and India (it seems absurd to utter such a truism) cannot be compared, when we recollect that in the one country the laws are made by the people through their representatives, in the other by rulers of an alien race. But on this point I do not wish here to enlarge. I, for my part, cannot see why the Government are accused of excessive legislation when the whole of the Acts in force can be included in five moderate-sized volumes. It is a question, however, far beyond my humble powers to discuss. The Indian ryot is a long-suffering animal, and I verily believe he prefers old abuses, by which he is a sufferer, to the improvements introduced by an enlightened British Government which he doesn't understand, and I would conclude with reminding our statesmen of that very homely but indisputably true proverb—"You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." F.

INDIAN NEWS-LETTERS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

UMBALLA, 16TH FEBRUARY.

As usual at this time of the year I have little to communicate, save details of military movements. I mentioned in my last latter that the 77th Regiment were to proceed from here to Agra in wings by railway on 10th and 11th. The arrangement was duly carried out. On the 12th, 13th, and 14th, the 41st Regiment arrived here by railway from Agra under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Rowlands at the hours respectively of 9-40 P.M., 9 P.M., and 8 P.M. Through the injudicious arrangements of the Agra authorities, the different divisions did not start from Agra station till 9 P.M., which entailed their arriving here after dark, when it was impossible for them to get out other baggage than their bedding or to pitch their tents. Fortunately for them a camp had, in view of the chance of their arriving late, been pitched for them within a stone's throw of the railway station, and the men were thus made tolerably comfortable for the night. The 41st are now encamped close to the railway station, and marched by wings on the 17th and 18th for Subathoo, where they will arrive on the 24th and 25th respectively. It is intended to despatch three companies of the 1st Battalion 3rd Buffs about the 20th to Solon, near Dugshai, in order to go through the annual course of musketry instruction. There seems, however, to be some doubts whether on account of the inclemency of the weather in the hills just now this intention will, after all, be carried out. Under any circumstances the main body of the Buffs will march from here about the middle of next month. The 4th Company of Sappers and Miners under command of Lieutenant Ward, R.E., lately on service beyond the Indus, will arrive here about the 19th, and will proceed at once by railway to Mozufferngurr, from which place they will march to join the head-quarters of the corps at present employed in constructing the roads near Chukrata. The 35th N. I., under Lieutenant Colonel Boyd, arrived here from Sangor by railway at 9 A.M. on the 11th, and 8 A.M. on the 12th. They continue their march to Meean Meer to-morrow. The 12th N. I., under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Stevens, which arrived here by railway on the 30th and 31st January from Allahabad, marched for Sealkote on the 5th February, and arrived at Phillour on the 12th. The 29th N. I., under Major Gordon, which continued their march for Jhelum on the 3rd, arrived at Phillour on the 9th. Two companies of the 1st Goorkhas from Lahore are to be despatched to Simla so as to arrive at that place on the 1st April.

Second Captain Ford, R. A., passed through here yesterday *en route* to Meean Meer, where he is to succeed Second Captain A. Dixon as Adjutant. Captain Dixon comes to Umballa to succeed Captain Hawkins, who quits the Horse Artillery on promotion to the rank of First Captain. Captain Hawkins goes to Meean Meer to do duty in the Officers' Battery. I hear from Barrackpore that Lieut. Edmonds, recently transferred from Barrack Master at that station to Barrack Master at Kussowlie, has passed the medical board and is going home on sick certificate. There is, therefore, a vacancy in the Barrack Department to be filled up. Brigadier Generals Vaughan and Wilde left here by train on the 11th, the former to assume the command of the Gwalior District, and the latter the post of Military Secretary to Government at Mairas. The Brigade Majorship at Dinapore will become vacant on the 1st March. The new Brigade Major is to be Local Major Eteson of the Buffs, who, during the temporary absence of Captain Morgan with the Huzara Field Force, officiated for some months as Brigade Major at Morar. The company of the 92nd Highlanders at Govindgurh has been, or in a few days will be, relieved by another company of the same regiment. Major Dawson, 1st Battalion 3rd Buffs, has joined from England. Since commencing this letter I have learnt that threecompanies of the Buffs will, it is certain, march from here to Dugshai about the 20th. From Dugshai the officer in command, who will probably be Major Dawson, will proceed to Solon accompanied by the surgeon of the detachment, in order to see if the men can be encamped there for rifle practice.

I forget whether I have told you in a former letter that the sectioned about the 1st April.

We are told by the *Pioneer* that Major General Beatson is to succeed Major General Becher here, but we have heard nothing authentic on the subject.

Being in the midst of Lent we are of course very dull, but as soon as that season is over, the 106th Light Infantry intend to give an evening party, and the 21st Hussars a ball.

The postal arrangements are still most attrocious, the newspapers of two successive days frequently arriving on the same date. The following are some of the prices in the bazaar to-day.

Whole grain	14	seers per rupee.
Broken do.	13	do. do
Aiowar	11	do. do.
Maida	9	do. do.
Soojee	6	do. do.
Atta	11¼	do. do.

RAJCOTE, 20TH FEBRUARY.

The hot weather appears fast approaching, and the clouds of dust that are occasionally puffed up by the strong winds that prevail are certainly annoying. The station, however, continues healthy, though there is no saying what may happen two months hence, when we may expect the lot weather to be at its height, and there appears every indication of a severe hot season. The harvest of the late crops is likely to be above what was expected.

Shopkeeping appears the mania here just now. About a year ago there was one solitary shop from which one could get his supplies and stores; there are two now, and likely to be more, and the competition thus caused benefits the public. There is no end to the erection of buildings all over the station bazaar, and this gives constant and remunerative employment to masons, carpenters, and coolees. The new tank that was excavated near the station bazaar is failing, and requires deepening in order to retain water all the year round.

A Court of Sessions held last Tuesday, a Scindee lad was convicted of the offence of rape and sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment; and a duffedar, lately in the Federal Seebundy, W. D., was on his own confession found guilty of having cut off his wife's nose, and sentenced to ten years' rigorous imprisonment. The latter seemed to pride himself in having committed the deed, and considered that he was entitled to punish his wife in that manner for infidelity. The example made of him, though severe, was necessary, in order to prevent the commission of that horrid and cowardly deed, which I hear is pretty common among the lower classes. There are two other trials to come off soon, in one of which a woman of the Coonbee caste is charged with having brutally murdered her husband. That such grave offences should be taken up and disposed of by the Agency Courts is nothing but right, since it is the practice in Talookdaree Courts generally to visit offenders of this description with fine only, which does not act as a punishment and deter others from committing similar offences.

The post of Kamdar of Gondul has been conferred upon a Naghur named Dooleerai Rughoonathrai. He was formerly Judicial Sheristedar to the Political Agent, and is a man of some standing and position in the province. It would be premature to say that reforms must follow his appointment, as it remains to be seen whether he has the capacity and firmness of will to attempt to carry out with boldness the reforms that are so urgently needed, the first and foremost of which is the removal from the talooka of the men who have for some time past had an active but covert management in its affairs, because so long as they are there the efforts of the ablest man would by underhand means and intrigues be undoubtedly thwarted.

In consequence of the return of Major Law, 1st Political Agent, Major Parr, who was officiating in that appointment, has been appointed to act as 3rd Political Agent in charge W. D., has taken charge. Mr. Kristnajee Luximon, 2nd Extra Political Assistant, and one of the ablest and most conscientious native officials I have seen, is to be promoted to 1st Extra Assistant, vice Mr. Mukundrai; Mr. Geedhurlal succeeds as 2nd; and Mr. James Crowley as 3rd Extra Assistant. The fourth, I hear, is to be conferred upon Mr. Keshowrao Bhaskurjee, now local Assistant at Drappa.

INVENTIONS.

SPECIFICATIONS of the undermentioned inventions have been filed, under the provisions of Act XV. of 1859, in the office of the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department, and copies have been sent to one of the Secretaries to each of the Governments of Bengal, Fort St. George, Bombay, and the North-Western Provinces:—

Mr. A. F. Osler, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, England, for improvements in lamps for burning hydro-carbon oils.

Mr. T. Rose, of Oxton, in the county of Chester, England, iron founder, and Mr. R. E. Gibson, of New Brighton, in the same county, merchant, for an improved mode of treating cotton seed to obtain oil therefrom, and in machinery employed therein.

Mr. R. J. Morison, of 2, Great Saint Helens, Bishopgate Street, City of London, merchant, for improvements in cotton gins.

Mr. Daniel West, of 69, Euston Square, in the county of Middlesex, England, Civil Engineer, for an improvement in presses.

THE VICEREGAL COUNCIL.

Two reports of select committees, we observe, were presented to the Legislative Council at its weekly meeting last Friday; the final report of the select Committee on the Articles of War Bill, by the Commander-in-Chief, and that on the Emigration of Coolies Bill by Mr. Gordon Forbes. Sir George Couper moved that the select committee's report on the Village Police Bill, N. W. Provinces, be taken into consideration. Sir Richard Temple moved for leave to introduce a Police Superannuation Fund's Bill. He said that the various police forces in India had certain deductions made from the pay of the men who became thereby entitled to a certain scale of pensions. This arrangement had been found, however, to give an immense deal of trouble in the framing of the accounts of every man, and was otherwise inconvenient. It was now proposed to abolish these funds, and to guarantee on behalf of the Government the pensions which the men would otherwise have received; they would obtain greater security for their pensions, and would regard the measure as quite as satisfactory; and, on the other hand, the financial convenience of the Police Department would be consulted. The pay of the men would have to be revised so as to bring out approximately amount equal to the net amount which they now received after the present deductions. He had, therefore, with the full concurrence of his colleague in charge of the Home Department, Mr. Strachey, brought in this Bill. This was the only new measure introduced, and the Council adjourned to Friday next.

A HARDSHIP IN THE COVENANTED SERVICE LEAVE RULES.

THE following correspondence is officially published:—

From the Government of India, to the Secretary of State, dated 26th October, 1868.

'From an examination of the several statements which have been furnished to us regarding Covenanted Civil Servants at present on leave in England, and of other cases brought to our notice, a hardship in the new Leave Rules has come to light.

Under the old rules, one year's leave on medical certificate not only counted as service and residence for pension, but was so counted as qualifying for furlough. For instance, an officer who had served and resided for nine years, and who had also taken one year's leave on medical certificate, was credited with ten years' service and residence, and was entitled to three years' furlough. All officers, therefore, who took leave on medical certificate under the old rules did so in the full assurance that one year of such leave counted as service and residence, not only towards pension, but as qualifying for furlough.

Under the new rules, so far as residence for pension is concerned, compensation has been made for the abolition of the above rule, by shortening the period of residence for pension by one year. But in regard to the qualification for furlough, no such compensation has been made. Under these rules, all leave taken under medical certificate, even under the old rules, is not only not allowed to count as service and residence, but is deducted from the amount of furlough earned by the prescribed period of service. For example, an officer who has completed 7 years' actual service and residence, who has in addition taken one year's leave on medical certificate instead of being entitled to three years' furlough is entitled to only one year's furlough and must serve three years more before he is entitled to two years' furlough. Similarly an officer who had completed nine years' actual service, and had besides taken two years' leave under medical certificate, instead of being entitled, as he was under the old rules, to three years' furlough, must, under the new, serve three years more before he can get any furlough at all. There is no doubt that the new rule has caused great disappointment owing to this retrospective effect being given to it.

Without advocating the maintenance of the old rule, which allowed one year's leave on medical certificate to count as service and residence, both for furlough and pension, it would appear but fair to rule that, in the case of officers who have under the old rules taken leave on medical certificate, one year of such leave should not be debited against any furlough which might otherwise be due under the new rules, although it should still remain part of the furlough that can be taken in the whole course of service. If this were allowed, the rule that furlough should not be renewed until three years from the termination of previous furlough of more than three months' duration, would not thereby be altered.

It has also been represented that some of the hardship which the new rules inflict on officers who have by taking leave under the old rules used up all the leave to their credit, might be mitigated by a slight alteration of the rule by which furlough is placed to credit. Instead of one year's furlough being credited after every four years' actual service, it is desired that for each period of actual service a proportionate amount of furlough at the above rate may be placed at credit; for instance, that three months' furlough may be credited after each year's actual service. The rules and restrictions under which furlough may be taken when at credit would not be altered.

When officers took furlough under the old rules, they could not foresee what would be the effect under the new rules. For example, an officer who lately took three years' furlough under the old rules, and has no more at credit, now finds that if in the course of three years from his return he falls sick, he must lose his appointment, and be reduced to subsistence allowance, although his furlough allowances under the old rules were only £500 per annum, while under the new they might have been £1,200 per annum. Under the old rules he could have taken immediately after his return, if he had fallen sick, fifteen months' leave, extendable to twenty, on half pay up to £1,000 a year, keeping his appointment, which leave might have been extended to three years with loss of appointment, and an allowance of £500 per annum for the last sixteen months.

The suggested alteration is not one of principle, and it will not give any one a day's more leave than the rules as they stand. It is a mere question of detail as to the method of bringing furlough to credit.

It may be noticed in regard to the first point that, in the case of military officers, whatever leave was taken under the old rules on medical certificate is not debited against furlough otherwise at credit,—*vide* example (2) to Rule XXIV. of the Military Leave Rules.

The second concession is not so much required by military officers, as, in addition to the leave which Civilians can get, they are able to obtain general leave under Chapter II., retaining their appointments and drawing half pay.

On these grounds, we ask your sanction to the issue of the following orders:—

I.—"A Covenanted Civil Servant who has taken leave on medical certificate under leave rules prior to those of 1868, shall not be debited with such leave, up to the limit of one year, against furlough which would otherwise be at his credit. All such leave shall, however, be included in the maximum amount of six years fixed in Rule II. of the Rules of 1868.

II.—"For Rule III. of the Leave Rules of 1868, the following rule is substituted:—

"Subject to the above limit, furlough shall be placed to the credit of each officer at the proportional rate of one year's furlough for every four years of actual service."

From the Secretary of State, to the Government of India, dated 6th January 1869.

'I have considered in Council your Financial letter, dated 26th October last, No. 287, requesting sanction to the issue of the following orders:—[See above.]

The issue of the orders proposed is sanctioned.'

RESOLUTION.—The following is an illustration of the rules which have been sanctioned by the Secretary of State:—

A. has completed an actual service of 21 years, 2 months and 10 days. He has had 15 months' sick leave under old rules and 3 years' furlough. A. has secured by his actual service 5 years, 3 months and 17 days' furlough. Against this must be debited 3 years' furlough and 3 months of the 15 months' sick leave, leaving at A.'s credit 2 years and 17 days' furlough. But as this added to the 3 years' furlough and 15 months' sick leave already taken would exceed the aggregate of 6 years by 3 months and 17 days, the excess must be deducted, leaving at A.'s credit one year and 9 months' furlough.

In this illustration sick leave does not include leave within Indian limits, under the rules of May 1843 which leave has been declared, in a Resolution, No. 3477, passed in this department on the 5th November 1868, to be actual service.

DAILY COTTON MARKET REPORT.

BOMBAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 1869.

	OLD.	
Dhollera Bhownuggur	245 to 246	
Vingorla	232 to 234	
Dharwar, Sawginned	265 to 266	
	NEW.	
Oomrawuttee Akote	267 to 268	
Hingunghat	279 to 280	
Broach	N.G. 262 to 264	
Do.	M.G. 283 to 284	
Veeravul	252 to 254	
Khandeish Barsee	265 to 266	

Ready sales 1,275 Candies. Market advancing.

THE PERIOD OF PROBATION FOR THE STAFF CORPS.

THE following is a letter from the Secretary of State for India, to the Governor General in Council, dated 6th January 1869:—

"I have considered in Council your Excellency's letter, dated the 10th of October 1868, No. 387, paragraph 1, submitting your proceedings, showing that you have determined that, under no circumstances whatever, shall the period of probation for the Staff Corps exceed a second twelve months.

The circumstances of the case, out of which the question thus decided has arisen, are as follows:—

was appointed 2nd Wing Subaltern of the , on probation for the Staff Corps, from the 30th of August 1867; and almost immediately afterwards, he obtained six months' leave of absence to Calcutta, from the 10th of October 1867 to the 10th of April 1868, to enable him to study the native languages, as he had not passed the examination by the higher standard in Hindustani. On the 8th of April, he was granted an extension of three months for the same purpose, to the 10th of July.

"In the meantime, your Excellency referred to the Secretary of State the question whether the period of probation in a military appointment required to qualify an officer for admission to the Staff Corps should include leave taken in India, and Sir Stafford Northcote decided that all leave, except privilege leave, should be excluded from the year's probation, but that the date of final admission to the Staff Corps need not be affected on that account.

"At the conclusion of his nine months' leave of absence , having up to that time failed to pass the examination, applied to have his period of probation extended for six months; and the Commander-in-Chief pointed out that such an extension, making the period of probation 18 months, would, with the addition of his nine months' leave, be equivalent to a period of 27 months' probation in the case of this officer.

"Your Excellency thereupon directed that, if did not pass the examination within two months (his twelve months' probation having nearly expired), he should be remanded to his regiment and struck off the list of probationers, and you determined that in no case should the period of probation exceed a second twelve months.

"I quite concur in the action which your Excellency has taken in this matter. In permitting leave of absence to be excluded from the period of probation, it was obviously not contemplated by Sir Stafford Northcote that a case might occur in which leave would be granted for the express purpose of studying to pass the examinations, and that, by the exemption of this leave from the twelve months' probation, the period for qualifying might be considerably extended. Leave of absence, if granted to a probationer for the purpose of study, must be held to count as part of the year's probation.

"It is evident that such a case can only occur when an exception is made to the general rule that an officer must pass in the higher standard before he can be admitted as a probationer. In that event, however, it may be a question how long an Officer should be allowed, for purposes of study, to be absent from his regiment, where he has other duties of which he must have learnt the due performance before he can be qualified for the Staff Corps.

"In approving of your Excellency's decision that a second period of twelve months' probation shall in no case be exceeded, I desire that, except under very special circumstances, the existing regulation shall not be departed from, namely, that the period of probation shall be limited to one year, at the end of which the candidate, if not qualified for admission to the Staff Corps, must be remanded to his regiment."—I have, &c., ARGYLL.

BOMBAY.

SMALL CAUSE COURT.—On account of the Holi Holidays the Small Cause Court was closed yesterday and will not be opened till Monday next.

ACCIDENT.—A Hindoo woman was on Sunday last run over by a carriage at the Carnac Bunder. She was severely hurt, and was taken to the Jamsetjee Hospital.

THE DRAINAGE COMMISSION.—We understand that Messrs. Ormiston and LeMessurier have tendered their resignation as members of the Drainage Commission.

VEHAR LAKE.—The height of water in the tower of Vehar Lake at the close of last week was 51 feet 2 inches; on the corresponding date of last year it was 52 feet 6 inches.

INDO EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH.—The Director of the Indo-European line yesterday forwarded a telegram to Government, reporting that the cable was right to Fao; that the Turkish line was right to Constantinople, and that the Persian line was interrupted to Tabreez.

WEATHER REPORT.—We see from the weather report of the Ahmedabad collectorate for the fortnight ending 15th February that the weather had been rather hot. The crops of wheat, jow, &c., were reported to be fair in all the talookas. The state of public health was good, and cattle generally free from disease.

THE VERY REV. D. M. GOMES, who has hitherto been acting as Vicar General in Bombay of the Archbishop of Goa, has now, we are informed, been confirmed in that post. His Grace has also nominated the Rev. D. F. Rodrigues d'Monte, to be vicar of the Church of St. Michael, Uppe[illegible], vice Rev. G. F. D'Silva, deceased.

THE REV. A. V. LISBOA, Vicar of the Cathedral of N. S. da Gloria at Mazagon, has been promoted by His Grace the Archbishop of Goa to the post of Vicar General of the Bishopric of Cochin and Superior of the Archbishopric of Cranganor, which appointments were recently held by two European ecclesiastics separately. We learn that His Grace in doing so has expressed a high sense of the attainments and personal qualities which fit the Rev. Mr. Lisboa for the government of two of the most extensive dioceses under the See of Goa.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC to be played by the Band of H E. the Governor at the Esplanade Band-stand this evening:—

March	"Victoria"	Riviere.
Overture	"Il Conte d'Essey"	Mercadotte.
Selection (Op.)	"La Vie Parisienne"	Offenbach.
Valse	"The Hussars"	Hartmann.
Selection	"La Sonnambula"	Bellini.
Quadrille	"Herold"	Strauss.
Galop	"Mugby Junction"	Coote.

PASSENGERS FOR SUEZ.—The following passengers proceed by the s. s. *Neera*, Captain Hanscom, which leaves Bombay for Suez to-day:—Captain and Mrs. Lyon and 2 children, Miss Murray, Mrs. Robinson and 3 children, Colonel and Mrs. Taylor and 4 children, Mrs. Packe, Miss Fuller, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Owen, Colonel Waddington, Colonel Travers, Colonel Shuldham, Major Brereton, Captain and Mrs. Balfour and 3 children, Captain Wells, Rev. W. Schoolbred, Lieutenant Waudby, Lieutenant Hay, Mr. Wright, Mr. Walters, Signor Desiré, Mr. Moory, Mr. Gimblet, Mr. N. Addis, and Mr. U. Addis.

CONVICTION UNDER THE COTTON FRAUDS ACT.—The Officiating Inspector in Chief, Cotton Department, in a letter dated the 23rd instant, submitted for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council a quarterly statement of cases disposed of under Act 9 of 1863, from which it appears that in December last a Bhattia named Jewjee Veerjee was charged before the Acting Chief Magistrate of Police with offering adulterated cotton for compression, contrary to section 8 of the Act, and was on conviction sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 200. This was the only case.

VEHAR WATER.—Dr. I. B. Lyon, Chemical Analyser to Government, in a letter dated the 17th instant submitted to Government a table showing the results of the summary analysis of Vehar Water, drawn from the supply pipe in the laboratory of the Grant Medical College on the 1st idem:—

	Grains per gallon.
Total solid matter	7·84
Loss by ignition—Volatile matter	·49
Organic matter	·45
(Estimated from the quantity of Oxygen required for its Oxidation.)	
Earthy Salts	4·33
(Estimated as carbonate of lime.)	
Chlorine	·70

No nitrates or sulphates free of nitrous acid present.

A NEW DODGE.—Yesterday an employé of an office in the Fort was sent to the Oriental Bank to get a cheque cashed for Rs. 200. He received the money, all in silver, and was returning to the office when, near Watson's establishment, he was accosted by a Banian who asked him—very politely—to exchange a rupee (which he held in his hand) for one which had on it "a male stamp." The stupid fellow immediately untied the handkerchief which contained the money, and taking out a rupee handed it to the Banian. The latter, however, said that it was not the one that he wanted, which was for a neck ornament for his child; and he therefore asked to be allowed to select one for himself. This the poor dupe permitted, and the Banian commenced searching for the desired coin, which after some little delay he said he had found; and he thanked the man for his kindness. The man then returned to the office, when it was discovered that the money was deficient by Rs. 11. We are informed that a similar trick was played a short time ago, which resulted in a loss of Rs. 5. It is conjectured that the missing money was adroitly extracted and concealed in the sleeve of the delinquent's dress whilst in the act of searching for the coin

THE BHORE GHAUT ACCIDENT COMMISSION.

THE following letter, respecting the appointment of a native member of the commission of enquiry into the late accident at the Reversing station, G. I. P. Railway, has been sent to us for publication:—

To Colonel M. K. KENNEDY, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works and Railway Departments, Bombay.

SIR,—I have been instructed by the managing committee of the Bombay Association to request you to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council the advisability of nominating one or more native members to the commission recently appointed by Government to enquire into the causes of the late accident at the Bhore Ghaut reversing station, which was attended with fearful loss of life, and the best means of preventing such disasters. The committee are of opinion that by associating competent native gentlemen with the European members who have been nominated by Government, the commission will secure public confidence, and will be able to prosecute their enquiries more efficiently.—I have the honour to be, &c.,

(Sd.) NOWROZJEE FURDOONJEE, Secretary.

Bombay Association Office, Sassoon Building, Elphinstone Circle, 15th February 1869.

The following is the resolution of Government the above:—

"The Right Hon'ble the Governor is pleased to appoint Dosabhoy Fra Justice of the Peace, to be a member of the C nominated in Government Resolution No the 29th January 1869, to enquire into th at the Bhore Ghaut."

EXPORTS OF COTTON FROM BOMBAY.

WE append an official statement of cotton shipped from the port of Bombay to foreign external ports and foreign Indian ports during the month of January 1869.

Quantity.	Value.	By what Ships.		To what Ports.
lbs.	Rs.			
2,19[illegible],152	7,26,585	British India	...	Liverpool.
263,536	84,099	Steamer Columbian*	...	,,
1,006,488	3,21,530	Do. Ganga †	...	,,
1,842,904	6,44,11[illegible]	Thorndean	...	,,
192,080	51,355	Steamer Baroda	...	,,
674,672	2,27,625	Do. Golconda	...	,,
1,093,624	3,44,669	Do. Krishna	...	,,
2,710,008	9,[illegible],971	Persia	...	,,
2,496,086	8,[illegible],095	Coimbatore	...	,,
478,128	1,58,635	Steamer Carnatic	...	,,
238,320	86,420	Do. Salsette	...	,,
39,200	13,[illegible]00	Do. Columbian*	...	Havre.
83,104	29,680	Do. Baroda	...	,,
1,29[illegible],688	4,46,334	L'Alegro	...	,,
39,200	12,250	Steamer Golconda	...	Marseilles.
21,168	7,560	Do. Golconda	...	,,
107,800	35,750	Do. Krishna	...	,,
206,976	72,320	Do. Krishna	...	Havre.
1,044,681	3,36,530	Loochoo	...	,,
19,600	7,000	Steamer Carnatic	...	Marseilles.
156,800	55,000	Do. Carnatic	...	Havre.
98,000	33,800	Do. Salsette	...	,,
39,650	23,705	Do. Columbian*	...	Trieste.
18,200	5,688	Do. Ganga †	...	,,
58,800	19,500	Do. Baroda	...	,,
57,232	19,690	Do. Golconda	...	,,
211,400	60,675	Do. Krishna	...	,,
59,400	9,975	Do. Carnatic	...	,,
235,200	74,500	Do. Ganga †	...	Genoa.
39,200	14,000	Do. Krishna	...	,,
19,600	7,000	Do. Carnatic	...	,,
3[illegible],092	1,21,215	Do. Orissa ‡	...	China.
251,216	77,365	Do. China	...	,,
58,800	18,100	Do. Madras	...	,,
38,808	12,[illegible]32	Do. Gungat	...	Suez.
214,932	66,885	Do. Krishna	...	,,
14,896	4,807	Do. Carnatic	...	,,
18,026,354 or Candies 22,90[illegible]	60,14,247			

* Left Bombay on the 25th December 1868.
† Left Bombay on the 19th December 1868.
‡ Left Bombay on the 24th December 1868.

ADDRESS TO BISHOP DOUGLAS.

THE subjoined address was presented on Friday, by the Clergy of the English Church at the Presidency, to their Diocesan:—

To the Right Reverend HENRY ALEXANDER DOUGLAS, D.D., Lord Bishop of Bombay.

We, the undersigned, Clergy of the English Church labouring in and around Bombay, beg to tender to your Lordship our hearty and respectful congratulations on your arrival in India. Deprived as we have been for a long interval of any Episcopal aid and advice, we hail your advent with more than ordinary satisfaction.

We have learnt, with feelings of unmixed pleasure, of the love and esteem in which you were held by all classes of the community during the lengthened tenure of your high office in the diocese of Capetown; and we feel sure that the distinguishing qualities for which you have been so long admired there will shine with no diminished lustre among us—the loving care for Christ's poor, the zeal for the spread of His Kingdom among the surrounding heathen, the energy in fostering all schemes for the education of the young and ignorant, and the loyalty in maintaining unimpaired the doctrine and discipline of our beloved Church.

Feeling, therefore, that in every difficulty or trouble we shall, one and all, find in your Lordship a loving father, ever ready with consolation and advice, we beg to reiterate the expression of our hearty welcome to you on your arrival, and to subscribe ourselves, your Lordship's dutiful servants.

(Signed) C. H. LEIGH-LYE, Archdeacon; and fifteen other clergymen.

His Lordship replied to the following effect:—

He thanked the Clergy very heartily for their Address. In the discharge of the duties of the office to which he trusted that God had called him, the kind feelings which they had expressed would give him no little encouragement. He looked for their aid and sympathy, and he trusted that no day would pass without their praying for him, and without his praying for them.

In one respect, no doubt, his position involved less trial than theirs. They were tied to their stations under every disadvantage of an Indian charge; while the very nature of his diocese required him to move, at times, from one part of his diocese to another, and so to escape from a good deal which was most trying in this climate.

But, in other respects, the burden of his office as a Bishop was no doubt greater. He would not enlarge upon this; but in asking their prayers, he had not used a mere customary form, but had spoken under a feeling of his solemn obligations.

The Clergy had referred to his loyalty to the doctrine and discipline of their beloved Church. He felt deeply the importance of such loyalty. It was quite evident that India was passing through a great crisis. Not only was there an awakening of intellect, promoted by education and other influences now so actively at work, but it was also very manifest that something more than a mere system of truth was called for, to meet the thoughts of men, and to satisfy their cravings. He had no faith that much would be done by Christianity when treated only as an intellectual system to be taught: this teaching ought to be regarded as part of the work of a kingdom which was to be propagated. He hoped, therefore, that they might work together, as brethren engaged in one common undertaking, to extend the Kingdom of our Lord and make His Church flourish.

It was, he believed, the special mission of the Church of England in India to give to India a church. He trusted that her Clergy would faithfully adhere to her doctrine and discipline, and would so labour together with one heart and one mind, that their light might shine before men and glorify their Father in heaven.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A MATTER FOR ENQUIRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In your issue of the 22nd instant, in noticing the departure of His Grace the Archbishop of Goa, you have very correctly stated that His Grace, in declining the services of the P. and O. Co.'s tug steamer *Bandora*, had said that the boat which was to convey him on board the mail steamer was placed at his disposal by H. E. the Governor of Bombay. Circumstances having since transpired showing that the boat was not sent by His Excellency, and that His Grace had been shamefully imposed upon by some busy-body or other, and duped into the belief that it was so sent, and the fact having been noted by many that the boat was not such as did honour either to the supposed giver or the receiver, I beg you will allow me to ask the powers whom it may concern, and in particular the authorities at the Dockyard, from which the boat was despatched (without their knowledge, I am sure) to state whether there is any foundation for believing that the boat was sent to His Grace by order of His Excellency the Governor. You will observe that it is important that this matter should be exposed, because should it turn out that the story was a misrepresentation, His Excellency may inquire as to how such a liberty came to be taken with his name. The boat was such a one as the Archbishop might have hired for less than a couple of rupees.

A PORTUGUESE.

THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GAMES.

SELDOM, if ever, has there been such a gathering on the Esplanade as was seen on Tuesday afternoon, when the east side of Rotton Row was crowded for nearly its entire length with an assemblage of all races and classes to witness the sports, the fame of which had spread over the island for some days before. Certainly Rotton Row had never seen such an assemblage for such a purpose, for the sight was a new one, at least at that place of fashionable resort. The idea of soldiers' and sailors' games was originated during the late meeting of the Western India Turf Club, when a few gentlemen proposed to raise a fund for the purpose of affording some amusement for soldiers, European and native, the sailors in port, and others. As soon as the proposal became known it was received with the liveliest interest and favour, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the sports, consisting of the Hon'ble L. H. Bayley, W. Collum, Esq., Col. S. Thacker, Lieut. Col. C. Elgee, Capt. G. F. Henry, T. M. Filgate, Esq., F. H. Souter, Esq., C.S.I., Lieut. Bainbridge, R.N., A. Crawford, Esq., and T. E. Taylor, Esq., with James Dodds, Esq., as honorary secretary. His Excellency Sir W. R. Vesey Fitzgerald, K.C.S.I., His Excellency Lord Napier of Magdala, K.C.B., G.C.S.I., and Commodore Sir Leopold Heath, K.C.B., readily consented to become patrons of the movement; and when the subscription list was opened rupees poured in plentifully. A well filled exchequer is, of course, necessary for the success of such a movement, and the committee, being encouraged by the prospect of a good purse, drew up without delay an attractive programme and prize list. The committee must have bestowed a deal of time and labour to the arrangements, for the sports came off in less then a fortnight after the movement was originated, and were a most decided success. As we have said there was an immense gathering of people on Tuesday afternoon. A large marquée had been erected within the Oval near the Band-stand, with seats for the accommodation of ladies and gentlemen. This tent was filled by a gay assemblage, and was honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Governor, Lord Napier of Magdala, Sir Richard Couch, Chief Justice, Commodore Sir Leopold Heath, besides members of Council, Judges, and other high officials. The road skirting Rotton Row was covered by a large number of carriages, from which the occupants viewed the games; and above the mixed crowd was to be seen Jack in his white uniform perched picturesquely amongst the bright green leaves of the trees.

The sports commenced by trials of skill and strength in throwing the cricket ball and putting the shot. Several natives entered the putting the 24-pounder contest, but though strong fellows, they had no chance beside the Europeans. The natives turned out strong in all the contests open to them; but they must have left the ground somewhat disappointed, for with Europeans they had but scant success; only in one contest open to Europeans and natives did the latter carry off a prize, namely, the second prize for the ½ mile race. Some natives proved themselves to be good jumpers; but could not stand before Privates Evans and Young, who gained the prizes for running high jump. In the running, also, there were some smart natives, but unfortunately for them they failed to obtain prizes when competing with Europeans. Their failure, however, will not, we hope, preclude the natives from entering the lists in future years—for we are sure the universal desire is that an annual gala day shall be devoted to such sports—but that they will persevere and do better another time. The sack race was exceedingly amusing, and the runners, or rather jumpers, in the sacks, appeared to amuse themselves as thoroughly as the spectators were amused by their uncouth and desperate efforts to get before their neighbours, and by the numerous falls which were the result. It had been arranged that the wheelbarrow race should be run blindfolded, but that was not done; the course was lengthened to about 150 yards, and in each wheelbarrow a European soldier or sailor was enjoyed his driver, one or two with an aristocratic lounge (!) and others showing the greatest anxiety lest their driver should be beaten. Some of the *vehicles* came to grief, to the great grief of their occupants, and to anything but the gravity of the crowd. To our minds the most uproariously comical of the sports was the bullock race. More than a dozen dhobies' or bheesties' bullocks had been obtained, duly haltered, but we need not add without saddles; and certainly riders were not wanting. The idea of a bullock race is a brilliant one, and the originator of it deserves the thanks of all who witnessed it, for we cannot imagine an individual, however grave, who would not laugh to his heart's content at such an exhibition. For sometime before the race, the prancing bullocks, with humps erect, were led into the race course, and there mounted by their jockeys, or rather by their Jacks. Jack, however, is generally no light-weight, and several of the *behaels* evidently thought they were [illegible] resented, and like the performing ponies in a circus, performed some antics which were rather uncomfortable for their riders. One bullock was determined not to stand it, and lay down. Another *musty-wallah* pitched poor Jack overboard (over his hump), and bolted like a riderless steed in the din of war. It would take too long to mention all the mishaps which happened, before the start, so let us see them off. But there again was some difficulty; for the clothes and water carriers are usually allowed to go along very easily and to be ranged in line before such a crowd on both sides was something new to them. In line, however, they were ranged; and as the gun gave the signal all were expected to do their best, but some of them were bullocks which would'nt go. The others, of course, did not wait for them, but bolted in gallant style. The jockeys, the Jacks we mean, ought to have been supplied with whips and spurs, or perhaps ought to have brought these necessaries of the race course with them; but Jack is never ill-off for a suitable expedient, and some of the riders got their shipmates to spur on their steeds in the Cairo-donkey-boy mode, or in the most approved hackery-wallah-tail-screwing fashion. But the race must have been disappointing to one or two, for their *behaels*, though well up to the front, either wished to get at their tail-screwers or were taken with a sudden desire to go backward instead of forward, and thus disappointed their riders of a prize and gave their rivals the advantage. By all sorts of amusing means, however, nearly all the bullocks were induced to carry their riders to the goal, and one or two of the best races were triumphantly galloped down the course again by their riders, to the great merriment of the spectators. Two high poles had been erected and copiously covered with grease, but the greasy poles were not looked upon with favour, and no attempts were made to obtain the prize for climbing to the top of them. Great fun was anticipated from the catching of the greased big, which was let loose, but the poor young porker was no sooner set at liberty then he was pounced upon, and was claimed by two men belonging to the *Malabar*. Piggy was carried off

AN EXPERIMENTAL BALLOT AT MANCHESTER.

A somewhat elaborate experiment was tried on Friday and Saturday (the 22nd and 23rd January) at Manchester. The Liberal party in that city have satisfied themselves that Mr. Birley, the Conservative member elected in November, is disqualified from taking his seat in Parliament on account of an interest he is said to have as a partner in some contracts with Her Majesty's Government. Whether this conclusion be sound or not is a question upon which we can form no opinion, as the facts upon which it is based have never been publicly stated. It appears, however, that in the case of Sir Sydney Waterlow, whose seat was attacked on similar grounds, the assailants have, on second thoughts, become convinced that they would not succeed in their attempt, and have desisted from it altogether. It may be that the Manchester Liberals have been equally mistaken, but in any case they have resolved to be prepared for the event should Mr. Birley be unseated, and accordingly on Friday and Saturday a Ballot was held in which all the electors of Manchester who voted for a Liberal candidate at the last election were invited to take part. The object of the Ballot was to discover whether Mr. Milner Gibson or Mr. Ernest Jones commanded the larger number of Liberal votes, and at the close of the process on Saturday it was found that Mr. Jones had completely distanced his rival, having received 7,282 votes against 4,133 given to Mr. Milner Gibson.

This preliminary test had, it will be at once seen, a double object. It was to determine whether Mr. Milner Gibson or Mr. Jones was preferred by the Manchester Liberals, but still more to show by example that an election could be held by Ballot. This latter object was the great end the managers had in view. As such we confess it seems to us a work of pure supererogation. We have never heard the practicability of conducting elections by Ballot doubted. Some men have doubted whether electors would care to keep their secret if the system were introduced; others have corroborated this doubt by evidence that in the United States the voter flaunts his political sympathies in the light of day; but no one pretended that a method of voting by Ballot could not be so devised as to conceal effectually the choice made by an elector. To hold a test election, therefore, in order to prove that the Ballot could be used with secrecy and safety is an elaborate and clumsy sort of joke. The Manchester managers established nothing that was not well known, and confessed before when they showed by the example of last week that an election on a great scale could be transacted with secret as well as with open voting. They proved nothing new, and they left untouched the real argument which has always been adduced against the adoption of their system. The single and essential objection to the Ballot is that it treats the voter as exercising a right for the exercise of which he is no more responsible to the public than he is responsible for the way in which he may spend the money in his pocket. It proceeds on the assumption that a man's vote is his private property, instead of being what it really is,—a privilege allowed him for the benefit of the community, which may be taken away from him the moment he abuses it. If the franchise were, indeed, a private possession, it would not be easy to see on what ground to forbid its possessor from selling it to the highest bidder. Why is bribery a misdemeanour, and upon what principle have we proceeded in sending Judges with extraordinary powers through the country to search out and punish those who commit it? Why were Great Yarmouth and Totnes disfranchised in 1867, and why is Norwich at this hour in danger of a suspension of the privilege of sending representatives to Parliament? Clearly, in all we do and all we think on this subject we proceed from the assumption that the right of voting is a right allowed by the community to those who give promise that they will exercise it for the public benefit alone—a right liable to be withdrawn if proof be adduced that this condition of enjoying it be neglected or broken. The Ballot can be justified only on a different view. It indicates what we cannot help calling a low tone of political morality, and its adoption cannot be excused except in the last necessity as a remedy for worse evils. It is not, however, to our purpose now to argue the question; all we desire to show is that the experiment of Manchester, as its managers call it, has no relation to the arguments brought against the Ballot. The opposition to it is grounded on moral reasons, not on allegations of mechanical difficulty, and a proved perfection of manchinery cannot affect the positon of its antagonists.

If there was something whimsical in the Manchester device as an argument for the Ballot, we are ready to acknowledge that, viewed from another point, the test election was extremely interesting. Mr. Ernest Jones received 7,282 votes against 4,133 given to Mr. Milner Gibson; and this is significant fact. It is true that the number of votes polled for the elected Liberal candidates in November was only 18,500, and the number voting on Friday and Saturday was below 11,500; but this consideration does not materially affect the importance of the vote actually given. Taken at the [illegible] be acknowledged that the mass of the [illegible] Liberals in Manchester preferred Mr. [illegible] and we shall probably be right in assuming that the majority of the Liberal party in the borough are [illegible] for him. Such a number appears, according to [illegible] just principle of representation, to be entitled [illegible] a member, and, indeed, they have only to [illegible] to insist on having one. Mr. Birley is unseated and [illegible] is brought forward as the Liberal candidate. [illegible] Liberal party be not united, another Conservative might replace Mr. Birley, but it is clear that [illegible] Liberals could be able to insist on Mr. Jones's [illegible] and that the chance of failure to [illegible] they [illegible] must rest on the smaller section of the party who refuse to yield to the majority. Their right to push forward their candidate is all the [illegible] because the two Liberals now representing the borough belong to the same school of opinion and manufacture. Nor are we disposed to quarrel with the choice of the Liberals. Mr. Jones has many legislative theories which we repudiate; he desires to introduce changes which appear to us impolitic, and to abolish institutions which we would retain. But, as a representative man giving expression to the opinions of a large class now without a spokesman, he would be a useful addition to the House of Commons, while the fact of his presence there would go far to satisfy the class for whom he would especially appear. —*The Times.*

THE LATE MR. ERNEST JONES.

The public will learn with surprise and regret that Mr. Ernest Jones died at Manchester on Tuesday afternoon (January 26) a few minutes after 1 o'clock. The recent ballot at Manchester had placed his name with unusual prominence before the public, and his sudden and unexpected death has produced a shock among friends as well as political opponents which obliterates for the moment every sentiment but that of sorrow. He died at his residence in Wellington-street, Higher Broughton. Mr. Jones was suffering from severe cold in the early part of last week, but was induced to leave his bedroom to attend a meeting of the Hulme and Chorlton Working Men's Association last Wednesday evening. He left a heated atmosphere to return home by cab, and incautiously left the window open. It is supposed that the exposure aggravated his cold, and the next day he was attacked by severe inflammation of the lungs, which was afterwards followed by pleurisy, under which he gradually succumbed. He was informed of the result of the ballot on Sunday morning. His last speech to the working men contains the following passage as reported in a local paper:—

"There was a personal reason why he desired soon to get into the House of Commons, and that was that he could not afford to wait very long. What little work there was in him must be taken out speedily, or it would soon be lost altogether."

Mr. Jones completed his 50th year on Monday, having been born on the 25th of January, 1819, at Berlin. His father was Major Charles Jones, of the 15th Hussars, and equerry to the late Duke of Cumberland, who became King of Hanover, under the title of Ernest I. The King was Mr. Jones' godfather. Major Jones bought an estate in Holstein and remained there with his family till 1838. His son Ernest composed a number of poems when very young which were afterwards published by Nesler, of Hamburg. At 11 years of age he disappeared from home and was found with a bundle under his arm trudging across Lauenberg to "help the Poles," who were then in insurrection. Later he attained some distinction at the College of St. Michael, Luneberg. In 1838 Major Jones removed to England with his family, and in 1841 young Ernest was presented to the Queen by the late Duke of Beaufort. He married Miss Atherley, of Barfield, Cumberland, whose father and uncle were the heads of old Conservative families, but Mr. Jones clung to his Radical prepossessions. In this year appeared the first of his larger works, a romance entitled *The Wood Spirit*, published anonymously, by Bohn, of New Bondstreet. Some songs and poems followed, and in 1844 Mr. Jones was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple.

In 1845 he joined the Chartist agitation. Before long he unsuccessfully attempted to enter Parliament, and the alarm produced by his harangues led to his apprehension at Manchester, in 1848. His health suffered severely during the first 19 months of his imprisonment, and his own published account of the needless severity of his treatment provoked a good deal of indignation. It is well known that about this time Mr. Jones refused an offer from a family connexion that he should retire from political life, in consideration of becoming the inheritor of a large property. On the contrary, he devoted all the means he possessed to the advocacy of his political convictions, which he retained unmodified to the last. Those who had opportunities of hearing him talk of the delight he experienced in the prosecution of what he deemed to be the rights of the mass of his countrymen would find it hard to resist the impression of his sincerity, devotion, and self-sacrifice in the cause. His early life gave him a large acquaintance with German and Danish politics, as he proved by some speeches during the last Danish war. —*The Times.*

It was an old rule that a cobbler should stick to his last; but the rule, as is too well known, is not expected to apply to all persons (in the full acceptation of the term.) Governesses, for instance, are expected to do a great many things which seem to be only distantly connected with their proper duties; and the following advertisement from *The Times* shows that the range of a schoolmaster's functions is widening:—"Grammar School Warminster.—Wanted immediately, a Second Assistant Master, to teach thoroughly writing and arithmetic, also junior English subjects. Must be a good cricketer and round-arm bowler. Character to bear the strictest investigation. Salary £40, increasing to £60, &c." A good cricketer and round-arm bowler would probably find it more profitable to embrace cricket as a profession. He would not be so much harassed by the "junior English subjects," he would most likely make more money, and he would not have his character so strictly investigated. Of course if a master happens to be a good cricketer, and likes to give his boys the benefit of his abilities in that line, there cannot be the least objection; but if cricketing accomplishments are made a *sine qua non*, they ought to be paid for as an additional branch of education.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

THE ASSASSINATION AT BURGOS.

MADRID, JAN. 26.

Terrible news reached us yesterday from Burgos. The Civil Governor of that city and province, Gutierrez de Castro, was barbarously assassinated in full daylight, in the presence of a large crowd, the actors no less than the spectators of the atrocious deed being a crowd. The Provincial Secretary, who was with the Governor, escaped with difficulty—indeed, we are told, almost miraculously—from the hands of the murderers. A police inspector was wounded. It has not yet been stated to what party the assassins belonged; but, on the first outburst of popular indignation in the town the Volunteers of Freedom flew to arms, and placed themselves under the orders of the civil authorities, who, in their turn, resigned their powers into the hands of the military. The Captain-General of Valladolid has been telegraphed to. A judicial inquiry has been instituted, by court-martial, and more than 50 arrests have been made.

There would be no great rashness in referring the event to its probable causes. This is not the first time that the name of the Civil Governor of Burgos occurs in this correspondence. It was he, as the reader may remember, who, on the approach of the general election, put forth a circular to the Alcaldes, or mayors, under his jurisdiction, bidding them exert themselves to the utmost of their power in behalf of the Government candidates, and supplying them with the list of the names of the men on whose return he was bent. It became known lately that the Minister of Public Instruction or *Fomento*, Senor Ruiz Zorrilla, had issued secret orders to all the officials dependent on his own and on the Home departments. The object of these instructions remained for some time a mystery, and it was, as usual, made the theme of endless speculation. What the Minister wished, as it now appears, was that in all the large towns an inventory should be made of all the books, objects of art, plate, jewels, and other treasures to be found in the churches, as the experience of these last three or four months has shown how unsafe such articles, in Spain as well as in Italy, are in the hands of the priests, and how unaccountably everything valuable is liable to disappear from sacred places. The Governor of Burgos fell in the very act in which he proceeded to comply with his duty to his superior. The Cathedral of Burgos, one of the noblest Gothic edifices in Spain is also one of the churches most richly and splendidly endowed. Its archiepiscopal See is established on so magnificent a scale that all the revenues of the town and province—one of the most fertile in Old Castile—are insufficient to meet the exigencies of the mere ecclesiastical expenditure. The Governor was on his way to the Cathedral. It was at the door of that building, within the cloister of the Cathedral, in consecrated ground, that the multitude pressed upon him. It was on the threshold that he expired, and the Secretary of the Government was evidently designated to share the same fate. It is impossible to hesitate in pointing to the priesthood as guilty of the perpetration, or at least instigation, of this premeditated outrage. None but the Church had an interest in striking the Governor.

It is an awful affair. One cannot think without shuddering of the consequences such a barefaced assassination might have in most countries. It might be the signal for a civil conflict of which no one would be able to foresee the issue. Fortunately, or unfortunately, there is no man here ready to take up the challenge thus openly tendered.

The decree of the Minister of *Fomento*, which has led to the murder at Burgos, is published in to-day's *Gazette*. It bears the date of the 18th, but was only to be executed yesterday. It orders an inventory to be taken of books, manuscripts, codes, scrolls, parchments, documents, prints, seals, coins medals and any other object, artistic or archæologic, which may serve to illustrate science or literature. Exception is made in favour of such objects as may be destined to the immediate wants or frequent uses of public worship, and such as may be kept within the places set apart for its performance. The immediate object of the measure is the "secularization of scientific, literary, and artistic property existing in ecclesiastical institutions." The right upon which the decree is founded is that "the produce of genius belongs not to individuals, but to the whole nation." Its object is "the preservation and utilization in public museums and libraries of treasures which in private localities are lost to all useful purposes, and exposed to a variety of dangers." It remains to be seen how the Government will feel encouraged to persevere in its course after the bloody incident at Burgos. The decree was to be carried into execution yesterday throughout the kingdom, and the inventory was equally to be taken in all church archives and libraries as well as in the episcopal palaces; yet we hear of no other riots than that at Burgos. Even there, although the state of siege has been proclaimed, order has not been further disturbed. Many of the prelates have, however, sent in their protests. The sensation created by the intelligence of the Burgos tragedy in Madrid is profound, but not lively. No news can rouse the population of this city from its apathy, whether it implies the progress of freedom or whether it betokens the triumph of the powers of darkness.—*The Times.*

THE OPENING OF YEDO.

Writing on the opening of Yedo [illegible]

Yedo, or to write it under its new imperial name To-kin, is at last practically open to the Treaty powers. We congratulate the subjects of these nationalities resident in Japan, on this consummation of the long delayed wish, but while we do so, we may be pardoned for expressing an ardent hope that the conduct of foreigners who may visit that city and such other parts of the country to which they may eventually have access, may be such as not to make the Japanese regret the confidence that they have placed in the representations of the Foreign Ministers accredited to their Court.

The Japanese gentry are in a high degree refined, polite, and sensitive; three attributes that do credit to our species, and the Japanese generally, though, perhaps to a less extent, partake of them and possess them in a higher degree than to the multitudes in European countries. It, therefore, behoves all visitors to Yedo, or travellers in Japan, to act with mildness and such humility as is consistent with propriety.

These remarks escape us almost unwittingly, in consequence of a report that is current concerning the behaviour of one or two gentlemen of Yokohama, who thought fit to distinguish themselves but very recently at the newly opened city. The heat of their young blood having by all accounts overcome what reason nature had vouchsafed to them. When some ill-mannered boors disturbed the audience at the Yokohama theatre and insulted talent which rose above them and their comprehension, our contemporary, the *Japan Times*, boldly, and we believe rightfully, threatened, if such misconduct were repeated, to publish the names of the offenders. The threat would seem to have had due effect; for the gross stupidity and indelicacy were not repeated. Following the example of the *Times*, we are of opinion that a repetition of rough and unseemly behaviour towards the Japanese officials or people, especially in the northern capital of "the capital of the Tycoons"—whose gates have but within the last few days been thrown open to foreigners, should meet with the harshest censure, and that a rebuke more severe and more effective than the mere publication of the names should be meted out to them. Not anticipating a recurrence of such a deplorable affair we drop a subject which, besides being our duty to notice ought to condemn, has also brought us to the subject that we would introduce —the passport system.

We have seen that the system is not to be deemed an uncalled for piece of official tyranny, when we know that its introduction is for the protection of our allies the Japanese from insult and outrage. If education and respectability overstep their bounds, what may we expect from ignorance and rowdyism? Though the passport system is anti-English, opposed to our ideas of the liberty of the subject, yet we can but hail its introduction into Japan with a certain degree of satisfaction. Our reasons we have already set forth. The arguments that apply against the system in England cannot be sustained in reference to continental Europe. Therefore, if passports be necessary there and the necessity for them is supported by wise statesmen and finds few opponents, it is still more necessary in a country like Japan which is invaded by foreigners, among whom are many ignorant and unreasonable individuals who are ever ready to condemn everything but that which was law and doctrine in their own village. Passports will assuredly, if the system be properly controlled, do much towards the opening up of the empire of Japan. More so, perhaps, than could be effected by any other measure. They are a certificate of good character and a guarantee that their possessors travel for no evil purposes. And, if discretion be used in the issue of them, good will result.

They are, at all events, a guard against evil; but nothing can wholly avert evils so long as the foreigner is not amenable to the laws or the authorities of the country in which he lives. This we cannot advocate in the present day, and under the present aspect of state affairs; but we earnestly hope that the Japanese will so rapidly advance in knowledge and civilization as to see the necessity for establishing a code of laws similar to those of Europe, and thus be in a position to demand and deserve the abrogation of the now unfortunately necessary *imperium in imperio*. When Japan is treated as an equal, and when she has just and temperate laws, to which foreigners must be held amenable, then, and then only, may Japan rejoice that she had been compelled to submit, in her days of ignorance, to the trading exigencies of the world.

The American papers report a raid by the police on one of the music halls at Washington and the arrest of "the proprietors and all the actors and actresses, upon a warrant which charged them with dancing the 'cancan,' and indulging in other lewd, lascivious indecent, and obscene' performances." It is added that the actors and actresses were released on promise of good behaviour.

An Odd Remedy for Sea-Sickness.—Many remedies for sea-sickness have been recommended from time to time, but Dr. Barker, of New York, may claim the merit of the most original of them all. He advises the intending traveller to rest thoroughly on the eve of departure out of respect for the nervous system. Then he is to go on board and "tumble in," lying down before anchor is weighed, and keeping in bed for two days running. "Eat as much as you can at every meal, but without raising your head." Commanders of passenger ships generally know how to keep their temper, but this arrangement would try them rather severely. With all the passengers in bed, requiring heavy meals to be served in their cabins and the saloon untenanted save by the captain and purser, the ship would be a cheerful one to travel in. Dr. Barker's specific would fail. He supposes that people are not sea-sick lying in bed. Travellers who are subject to the malady know better. The man who can get about the vessel without too much inconvenience to himself always does wrong in going below, but Dr. Barker would turn a steamer into an hospital. Can he teach people, ladies especially, not to imagine that they are falling sick the moment they see the sides of the vessel move? Travellers drive themselves into a fit of the malady by sheer force of fancy half the time.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

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EGYPT COCKNEYFIED.

The sharp traders of the Cairo bazaars, who supply green travellers with true Oriental curiosities manufactured in England, are likely to grow fat on new harvests of our countrymen. The arrival of an outward-bound set of Indians has hitherto been their chief opportunity for turning an honest penny; the homeward-bound "wallahs" generally preferring a cheroot on the verandah of the hotel to a stroll through narrow and ill-odoured alleys. But now fresh tribes of the infidel are on their way to the city of sham and imposture. Albert Smith used to complain that the Pyramid and the Nile were becoming cockneyfied; what would he say now? His friends are taken up the father of rivers in swarms, just as they used to go to Gravesend or Rosherville. One enterprising manager advertises that he has just started off with a party of thirty, and that when he has done the Nile he means to take his pleasant company a scamper through the Holy Land. Instead of donkey riding on Blackheath, the cockney of our day takes his nervous trot through the streets of Jerusalem. He sees the "ship of the desert" for once outside the barriers of the Zoological Gardens, and talks to us in railway carriages about the Jordan and Jericho instead of the Thames and Richmond-hill. This is a great change, and of course it is a change for the better. But now comes a French association into the field against our own Mr. Cook. That also proposes to take people to the Nile. It is almost a duty for an Englishman to go up the Nile at this moment. If the Prince of Wales is delayed much longer by the allurements of the old world, he will find Egypt as full of his devoted countrymen as his royal mother found Switzerland last autumn. Even old Nile is capable of being "popularized" by a Prince of Wales, and it is still room amid the ruins of Karnak for some dozens of empty beer bottles. Perhaps a vacant spot may even be found on the Pyramids for a few more autographs of John Jones. The French company will take its patrons to Alexandria, Cairo, up the Nile to the first Cataract, and then explore Suez, and provide food and lodging, and take care of their luggage—and all for £120 a head. It is cheap as dirt. Mr. Cook, we believe, does it for less. Who would not travel with a party such as *must* be drawn together under such leadership? If one man makes himself disagreeable, it would be easy to try another. Perhaps ladies would go. Moonlight amid the mosques of Cairo! to those who know nothing of Cairo dogs and Cairo thieves (male and female, but more especially female) there is romance in the very sound. These excursions will doubtless be successful for it is sweet to travel on the track of a Prince, but how the excursionists will hate each other long before they hear Bow bells again!—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

LADIES' CLUBS.

Lady Portsmouth's admirable scheme for a club in which the recently emancipated dressmakers might spend their new hours of leisure has occasioned some controversy, in consequence of an unforeseen difficulty as to the admission of men as visitors. Some members of the committee are of opinion that the usefulness of the club would in a great measure be lost if men were excluded, seeing that the result would be that either only few women would join, or that those who did enter would not be content to abandon the society of men altogether, and would still possibly seek it under objectionable circumstances. In an open, well-conducted club, under a vigilant matron and discreet committee no harm, they think, could follow from admitting men—at any rate, on specified evenings. Other promoters of the club are apprehensive that the slightest modification of the exclusively feminine character of the club will be followed, sooner or later, by such a relaxation of the system that it would have been better not to open the institution under such conditions. The questions is by no means a new one. The association of the sexes in a social club has been tried already. Towards the end of the eighteenth century a ladies' club (to which gentlemen were admitted) existed in London and occasioned a vast amount of gossip and scandal. It was called. "La Coterie," and some account of it will be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for September, 1770. The committee of the club comprised Lord and Lady Molyneux, Mr. and Mrs. Leynell, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzroy, Miss Pelham, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Selwyn, and Mr. Charles Fox. That they held sway over a very distinguished, if not in some respects very select company will be seen by a glance at some of the names on the list of members. It included the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch. Duke and Duchess of Richmond, Duke and Duchess of Bedford, Duke of Devonshire, Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Lord Mark. Lord G. Cavendish, Lord J. Cavendish, Lady Molyneux, Lord Bonnachurch, Lord Melbourne, Lord and Lady Sondes, Lord and Lady Rockford, Lady Sackville, Lady Louisa Manners, Lady Pembroke, Lady Charles Spencer, Lady Catherine Beauclerk, Lady Charles Pomeroy, Mrs. Pitt, Lady Mary Fox, Mr. Dundas, Lord Garlies, Lord and Lady Waldegrave, Lord [illegible] Lord Beauchamp, Lord Besborough, Mr. [illegible] Mr. Crewe, Possibly